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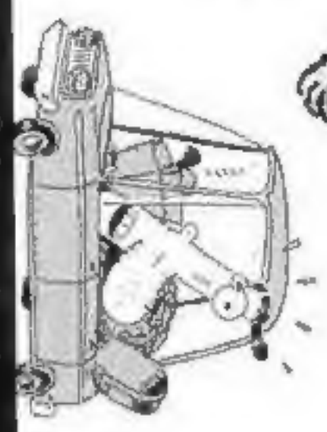

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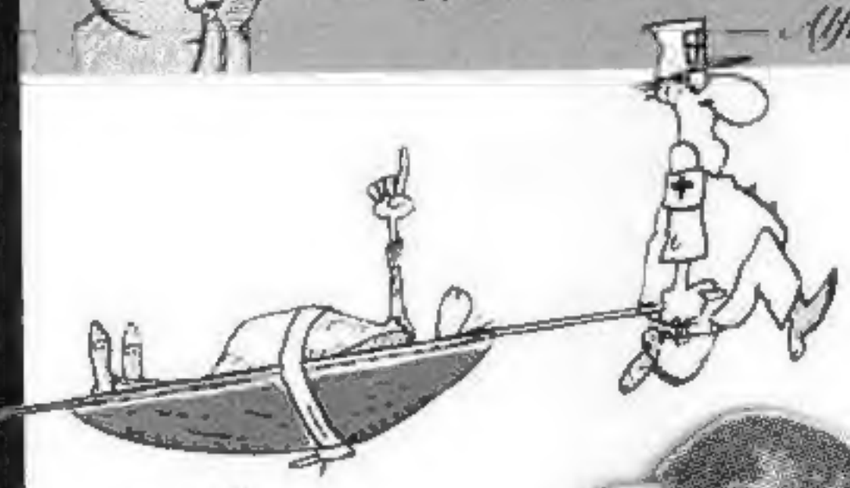
— Alfred E. Neuman



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"CORN AIR"

In Issue #360 you had a satire of the movie *Con Air*. You had Nicolas Cage say that he has a five-year-old daughter and he is serving a ten-year prison sentence. Well, if you had even seen the movie you would know his daughter is six years old, not five, and Nicolas Cage's character, Cameron Poe, is serving a seven-year sentence, not ten. If you guys are going to make fun of a movie try watching it first!

Johnny Hornbeck II
Pontiac, IL

Becky — We had a full editorial conference regarding your letter. It was agreed (in a close vote) that perhaps the writer and/or artist and/or at least one editor should see the movie, or at least the longer version of the trailer, before publishing a satire on it. Thanks for the nifty suggestion, which we are implementing immediately in Issue #364! That issue will contain our classic spoof of the film *Contact* where Jodie Foster and Matthew Modine team up to shoot down a Death Star-like, Rubik's Cube-shaped spaceship at the urging of President Harrison Ford. Enjoy! —Ed.

MAD MUMBLINGS @aol.com

My celery stalks at night! — Duece1000...My hamster whispers my name when nobody is around. — Sean Blake...How does one become part of your gang? Do I have to go through a nosehair-trimming initiation ceremony, or just gut a squirrel? — Borden96...I am a stapler. Please refill me. — SuperDrago...How many warts could a warthog hog, if a warthog could hog warts? — PsycoK...The world is a carousel of walnuts! — Brak12...MAD IS LIFE!!!! — LordLou13

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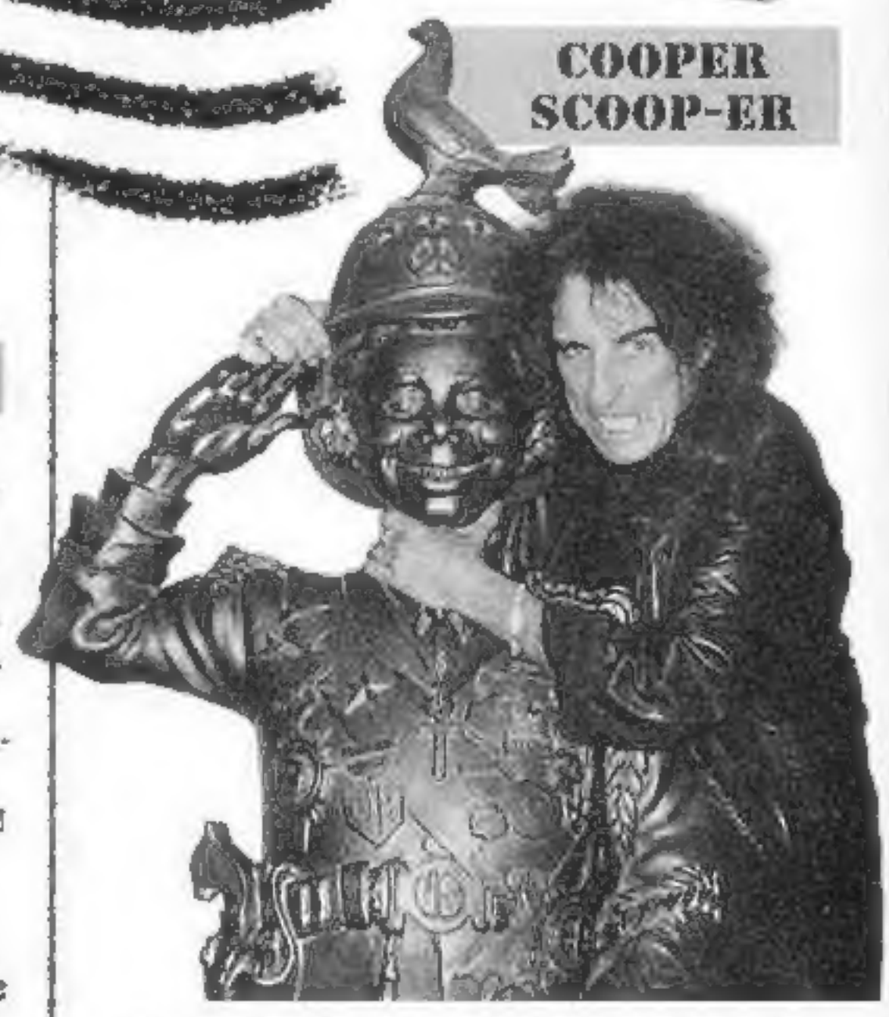

The MAD office is usually filled with dweebs, geeks, hacks and fanboys! (And that's just the staff!) But frequently we'll walk out of our office and BAM! there's someone cool there! Such was the case the other day when who should be lurking around our hallowed halls but legendary rocker Alice Cooper! (No relation to mediocre MAD writer Russ Cooper!) We still don't know why he showed up and choked our Alfred statue, but we're certainly glad he did, given that the only other person to show up that day was equally mediocre MAD writer Butch "The Westchester Weasel" D'Ambrosio. Hello, slumberland! Fa fa!

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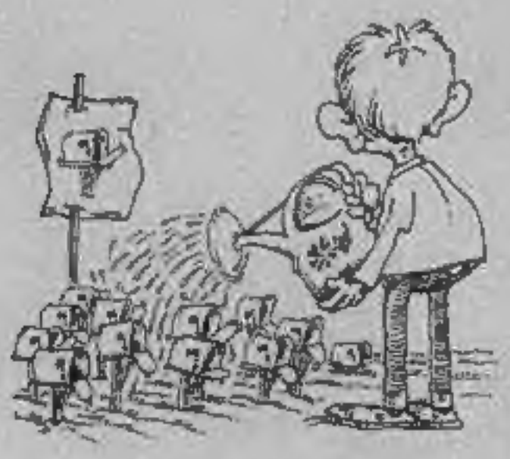
WHAT, ME WETTING?

Proud Papa and longtime MAD subscriber Tom Anderson of Birmingham, Alabama sends along these disturbing photos of himself and his beautiful new baby Siobhan! Years from now, as Siobhan goes through intense psychological counseling and the suppressed memory of her dad putting her in a MAD diaper bursts forth, she will probably come after him with an axe! You've been warned, Tom! Where are the child welfare officials of Birmingham when you need them? It's an absolute outrage!

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

Continuing our space-wasting tradition, here's this issue's envelope of the month, sent in by notorious diaper fiend Tom Anderson of Birmingham, AL!



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COVER STORY

You said MAD #359's four Batman covers would have a message when they were put together. I couldn't find the message.

Mari Tg
Spokane, WA

Mari — Couldn't find the message? Well here's a message straight from the entire MAD staff just to you (to be read out loud in a high-pitched shrill) SCHMUUUCK!!! —Ed.

GUFFAW-FAW-FAW!

I want to ask the editor a question about issue #359's letters page in which a fan's letter is being answered about something pertaining to Garfield. What in the name of hell does "guffawing" mean? You, once again, supplied a nonsensical word/phrase to screw up readers' thought processes! I would appreciate some sort of appropriate explanation.

Katie Polatsek
Jupiter, FL

Katie — See above message to Mari! —Ed.

DEAD LETTER

In your "Celebrity Cause-of-Death Betting Odds" feature, the odds of n:1 imply a probability of $1/(n+1)$, so Courtney Love's probability of dying is 1.083356282, Richard Simmons' is 0.842857168 and Kathie Lee Gifford's is 0.614718615. I thought everyone's probability of dying is 1.000000000. Do you know something I don't know?

J.S. Butler
Visiting Professor of Economics
Syracuse, NY

Do we know something you don't, Prof? Yes! The odds of you being dead from the neck up: Even money! —Ed.

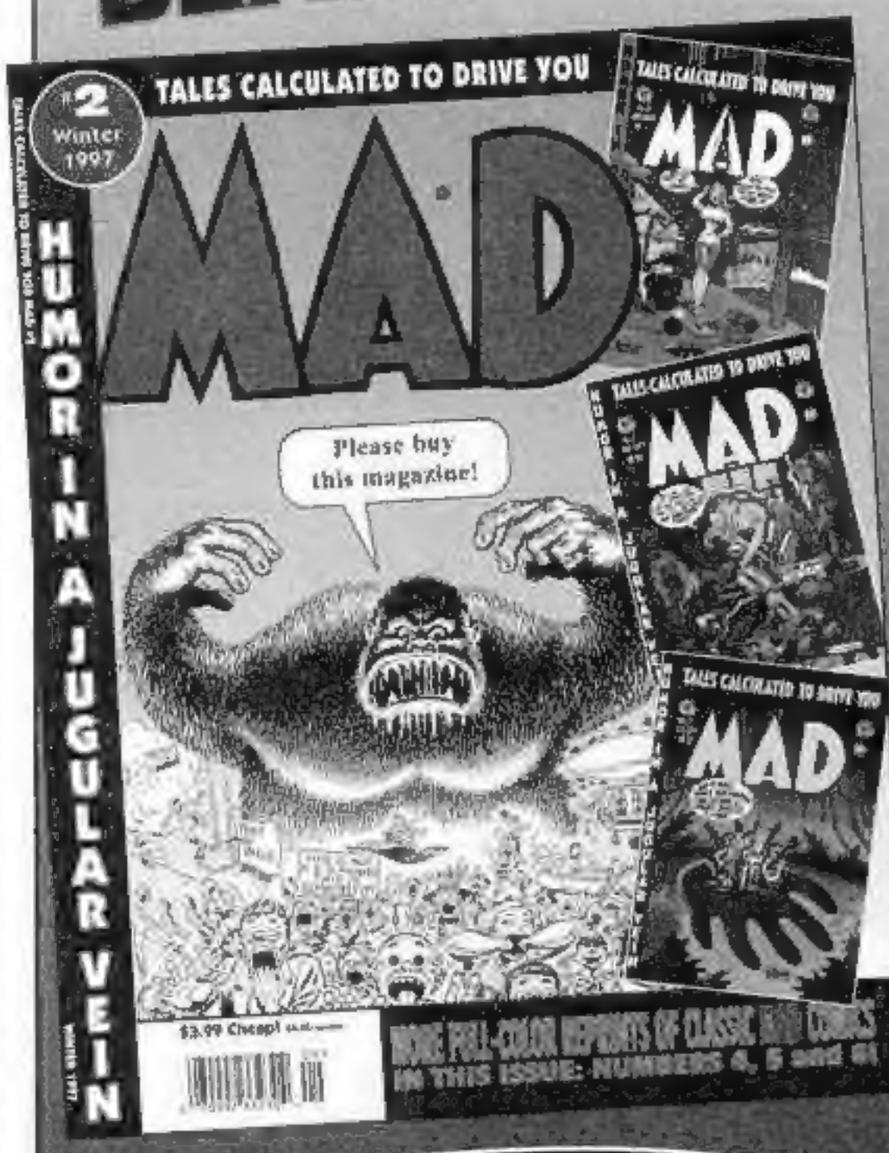
CONDOM-NATION

You sexist pigs have done it once again! In "Condom Buying for Dummies" (MAD #359) there was not one girl buying condoms. Now, I realize that guys have a bigger sex drive, but that's no excuse. Safe sex is a guy's *and* girl's responsibility. Hugs & kisses (and naughty little wishes)!

Melanie Johnston
Ontario, Canada

Mellie Mel — What? You can use condoms for safe sex? Wow! We always use them for water balloons and smuggling doritos into class (you know, like those drug mules)! Next thing you know you'll be telling us that you can use a diaphragm for something other than a frisbee! —Ed.

ANOTHER BLAST FROM THE PAST!



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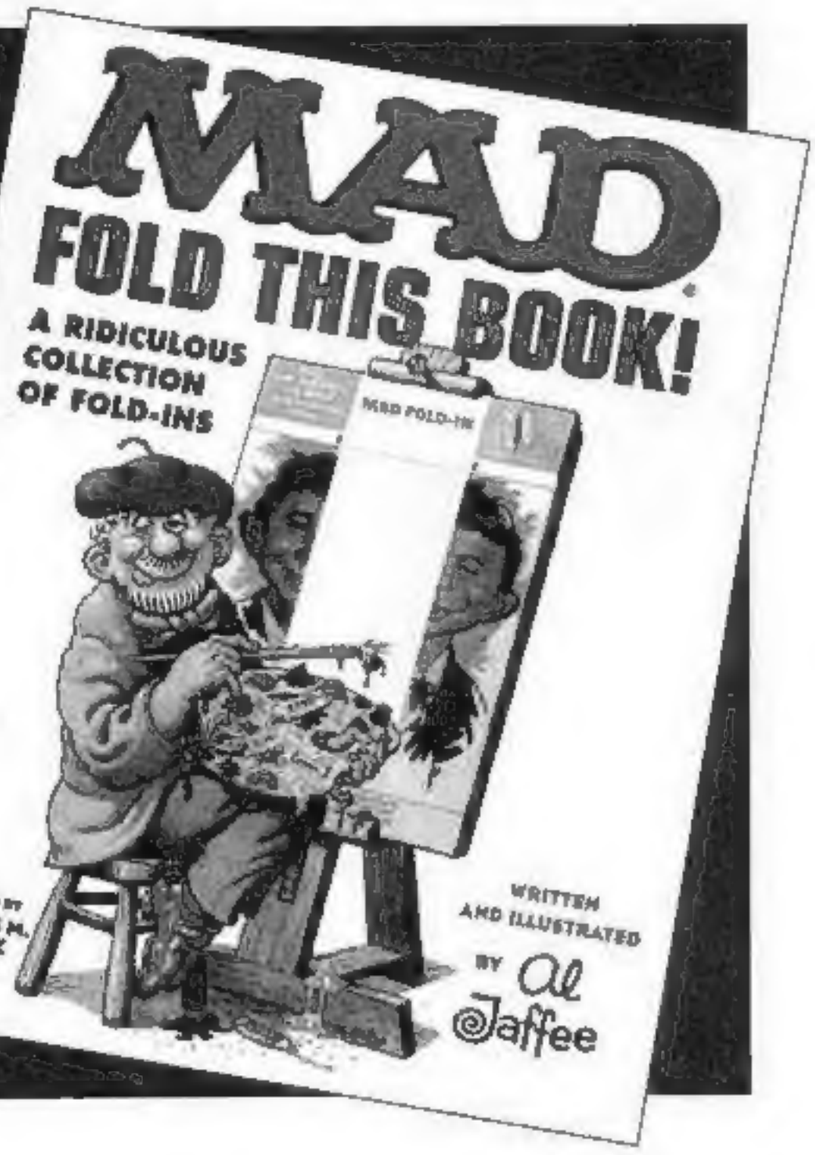


IDENTITY FOR TWO DEPT.

This summer, John Travolta and Nicolas Cage teamed up to star in the best action flick of the year! Of course, the competition was *Batman & Robin, Speed 2* and *Con Air!* (Need we say more?) Frankly, we're getting tired of Hollywood producers who think they can sucker us into the theater with another overblown, mega-violent, brainless explosion-fest! We wish those guys would just...

I'm **Worn Arches**, an **FBI agent** who heads a **covert anti-terrorist unit!** Our operation is **so secret** even the government **doesn't know** it **exists!** To protect our **identities**, our **paychecks** are **blank!** I'm **going broke** working here! I even have an **unlisted Social Security number**, so I **can't retire!** But I won't quit until I **capture** that **psychopathic criminal**, Casting Ploy! The **only perk** of working for this **agency** is that I can **murder** just about **anybody — good guy, bad guy**, and **everything in between!** James Bond may have a **license to kill**, but I have a **license to kill, maim, slaughter**, and **slingblade** — just as long as it's in my **quest** to **capture** my **arch-rival!**

That would be **me, Casting Ploy!** I'm responsible for countless **terrorist bombings**, numerous **cold-blooded murders** and **altering** the **expiration dates** on **milk cartons!** I'm also responsible for **killing Worn Arches' son**, but that was a **mistake!** I wanted to **murder Worn Arches himself** — turns out when you **open fire** into a **crowd** of **innocent children** riding a **carousel, accidents** can **happen!** Who knew? So now he's **vowed** to **get revenge!** I mean, what's the **big deal?** So I **killed his son!** He has **another kid!** What is he, some kind of **pro-life fanatic?**

FBI

I'm **Grief Arches**, Worn Arches' **neuro-surgeon wife!** Thank God for that! Considering his **non-existent job** and **income to match**, at least we have **some money** coming in! Up till now I've **never been** with **another man**, but as you'll **soon see**, that **changes** even though it **doesn't change at all! Confused? Stick around!** It gets **a lot worse!**

I'm **Jammies Arches**, the **typically atypical daughter!** Talk about **uptight**, my dad is **so strict** he wouldn't **give me permission** to get my **tongue pierced**, so I had my **nose pierced instead!** He **still got mad!** Then he turns around and gets his **whole face changed!** Parents are such **hypocrites!**

I'm **Sucha Hustler!** I'm Casting Ploy's **gun-toting, over-sexed girlfriend!** I'm also the **mother** of his **illegitimate child**, who I raise in the **home** of my **ultra-violent, drug-dealing brother!** And I'm the **POSITIVE role model** in this **flick!**

MORT DRUCKER

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

F*!@/OFF

Ploy, there's a **helicopter** on **our tail!**

I **don't** care if we're being **followed, take off!**

No! There's a **helicopter** on our **tail for real!** Some **jerk** landed it **there!**

When will the **government** realize the **runways** are **too crowded,** and hire some **new air traffic controllers!?!** I can just about see the **name** of the **airline** on that **plane — Con Air!** I'm not **surprised!** A guy that **looked like Ploy** was spotted flying **Con Air earlier** this **summer!**

Do you **think driving** this **plane** through the **hangar door** will get **Worn Arches off our tail?**

No, but we're **trying** to **set a record** for the **most glass** ever **broken** in a **major motion picture,** so **shattering** this many panes in **one shot** is hard to **pass up!**

Wow, this is the **first time** I've **flown...**without **an airplane!** Do I earn **frequent flyer mileage** for this kind of **flying,** Worn??

That's **something** you **won't have to worry** about, pal! You're **gonna die!**

I may **die,** Worn, but my **memory lingers on!** I've **planted** a **bomb** and you'll **never guess where!**

On movie screens all across the country?

Casting is in a **coma — a real bad coma!**

What are these **burn marks** on **his chest?**

We're **using him** as an **ashtray!** I said it's a **real bad coma!**

An **ashtray** — so he's **helping** to keep our **environment clean!** This is the **most useful** he's **ever been!**

With **Casting** in a **coma**, there's **no way** to find that **bomb** he **planted** before it **goes off!**

There is **one possibility!** His **brother** who **designed** the **bomb** is **in jail!** If we **lock you** up in there, he might **tell you** where the **bomb is!** He wouldn't **talk** to **you**, but if **you** weren't **you**, then that **different you** would have a **real chance** at finding out! **You** understand?

Which "**you**" are **you** talking to? **You** or **you?**

We can **take** your **face** and tempo-rarily **replace** it with **Ploy's!**

Switch-ing faces? What's the **danger involved?**

That **audi-ences** will **laugh us** right **off** the **screen,** but it's **worth** a **shot!**

Worn, you **can't tell** your **wife** about this **oper-ation!**

That's **bad news!**

But there's **good news,** too! You can **max out** all of **Ploy's credit cards** and you'll never have to **pay** a **penny** of it!

Okay, **let's start!** I don't need any **anes-thesia!** This **dialogue** is **putting me out!**

This is going to be a **very delicate** and **bizarre oper-ation!** Above all, I **don't want** any **laughing!** Ready?

Ready, doctor!

Let's begin. **Laser shears...** exacto knife... **staple gun...** double-sided **masking tape...** crazy glue...**paper clips...one** of those little **springy things...** no, make that **two** of those little **springy things...**styptic pencil...**BIG styptic pencil!**

Oh, oh! We **goofed!** His **walk** is a **dead give-away!**

**Though you can tell by the way*
I prance and strut
I'm a Fever *man*
With disco butt!
Have to try
To hide my rage,
Behind the bod
And face of Cage!

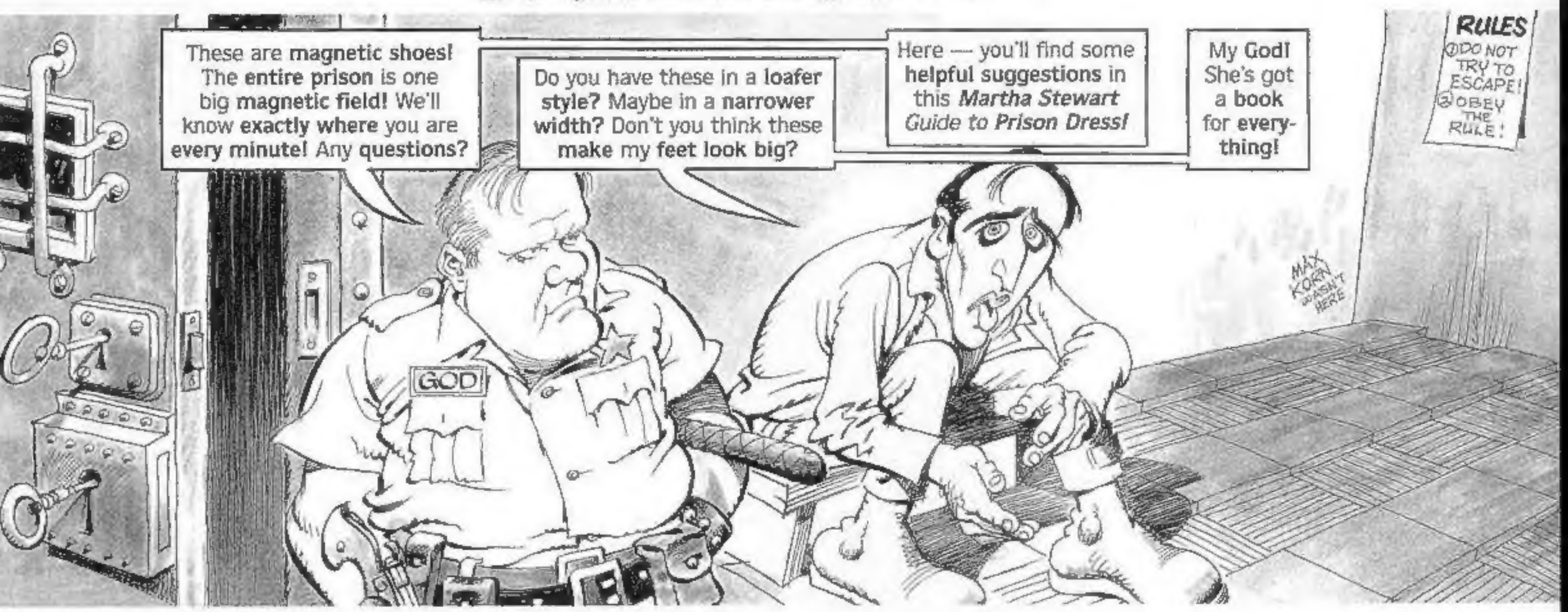
*Sung (painfully) to the tune of "Stayin' Alive"

Doc, I **look** exactly like **Ploy,** but I **still sound like me!**

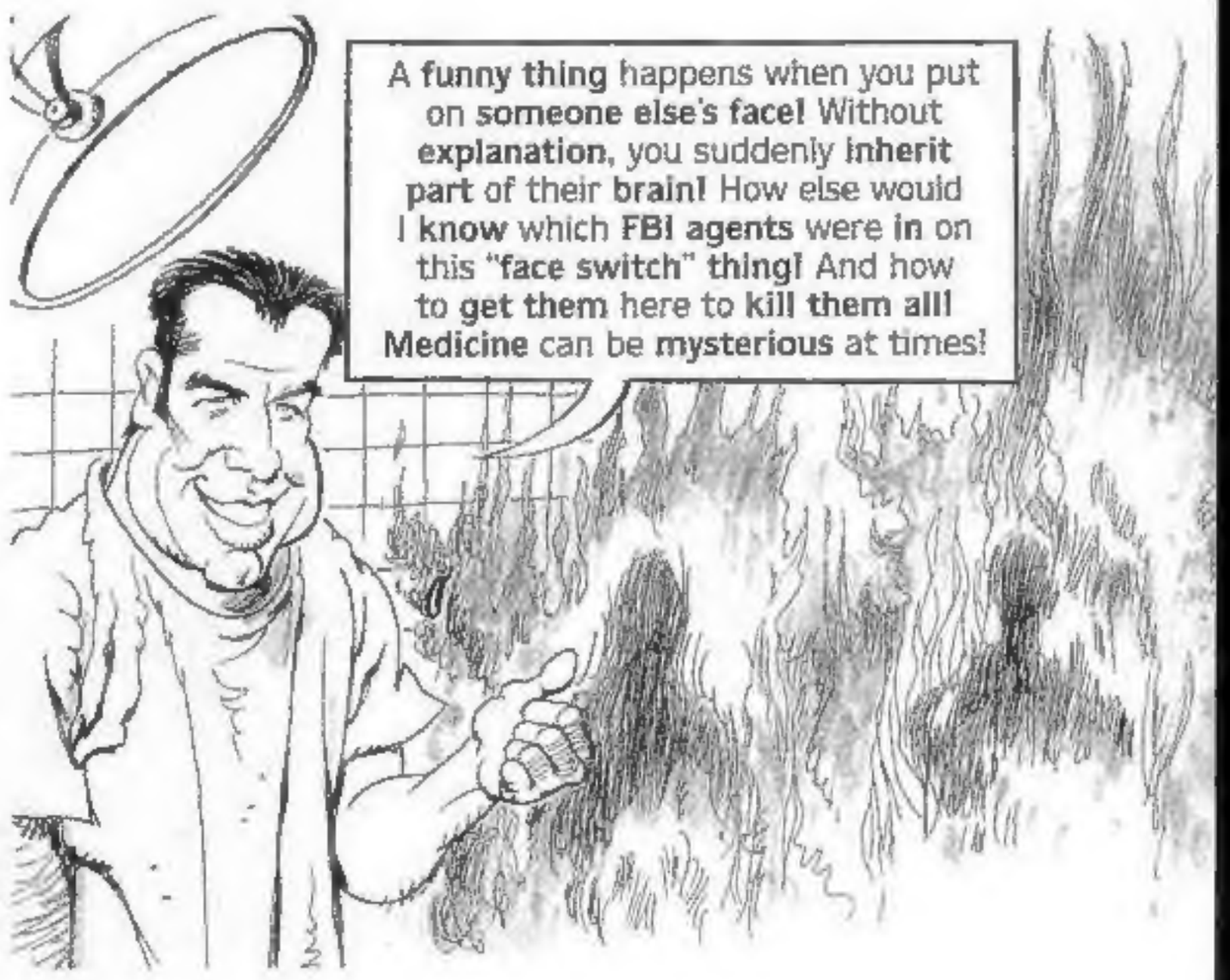
Normally, I would **plant** a **microchip** on your **larynx** that would make you **sound like Ploy!** But this is a **magazine,** so what you **sound like doesn't matter!**

Worn, you have **ten min-utes** to **completely heal** and then **you're off** to **prison** to get your "**brother**" to talk about where "**you**" **planted** the **bomb!** Don't **drop** the **ball!**

Or the **soap!** I've **heard** about those **prison showers!**


These are magnetic shoes! The entire prison is one big magnetic field! We'll know exactly where you are every minute! Any questions?
Do you have these in a loafer style? Maybe in a narrower width? Don't you think these make my feet look big?
Here — you'll find some helpful suggestions in this *Martha Stewart Guide to Prison Dress!*
My God! She's got a book for everything!
RULES
1 DO NOT TRY TO ESCAPE!
2 OBEY THE RULE!
GOD
MAX KORN WASN'T HERE

Damn! I really shaved too close this morning! Took the skin completely off! If I put after shave on now I'll go through the roof! I found this in a jar! It must be face cream, because there was a face in it! Wait! This is Worn's face! Could it be he has my face? Let me try his face on! Perfect fit! Ah, the miracle of Velcro!


A funny thing happens when you put on someone else's face! Without explanation, you suddenly inherit part of their brain! How else would I know which FBI agents were in on this "face switch" thing! And how to get them here to kill them all! Medicine can be mysterious at times!

You look like my brother, but for some reason you don't act like my brother!
♪ Stayin' Alive! Stayin' Alive! ♪ What're you talking about, bro? It's Saturday Night, and I've got the fever! Bro, you're good with wires, can't we put flashing lights under this prison floor?
I think your mind is gone! Good thing that didn't happen before you planted the bomb at the L.A. Convention Center!
Bingo! I got the info I needed in about 30 seconds!
A lot of good that will do you! Didn't you read the last two panels? Casting is on to your face-switching gimmick! You're stuck in this prison forever!
You think so, huh? Read the next seven panels!
TIMOTHY PLOY
1870-42-971

I think you've **grown** another **three inches**...

I've **always** been **this tall**, sweetheart!

I'm **not talking** about **height**! And I'm **not complaining**, either! Is that your **beeper?**

No, I have another **pet name** for it — Oh, my **BEEPER!** Yeah, it's **my beeper!** Gotta go!

HAS NO ANGEL

NIXON SLEPT HERE!

Grieve, **it's me**, Worm! Through some **bizarre plot contrivance**, I **switched faces** with **Ploy!** That man you've been **sleeping with**, isn't me! He's a **fake!**

I **knew** he **wasn't you**, honey!

How?

Because **last night**, for the **first time**, I **didn't** have to **fake!**

Bad news! The **Chief is dead!**

From what?

Lack of **breathing!** The **funeral** is today, at **Our Lady** of **Perpetual Gunfire!**

We finally meet **face to face!** It's **ironic**, isn't it? I have the **face** of the **man I hate most!** And **you** have the **face** of the **man YOU hate most!**

Huh? I don't have the **face** of **Bill Maher! Don't ask** me why, but he's the **man I hate most!**

Hmmmm, I **hate Bill Maher too**, but for the **sake** of the **story**, go **along with me** on this one, **will you?**

HAIL TO THE CHIEF

Let's **have** a **face off** and **shoot each other!**

Not yet! We have to **toy with each other** and **shoot out** all these **mirrors** and **windows!**

Sounds good! Then, since we've **already chased each other** on the **ground** and in the **air**, how about a **high-speed boat chase finale!**

No! They **already did** that in *Speed 2!*

Nobody saw **that bomb!** C'mon, let's **head** for the **docks!**

Gee, that's **amazing**, that guy is **water skiing without skis** in a **coat** and **tie!**

They're heading **directly toward** an **oil tanker! They'll be killed!**

I've **seen these guys** before! They're **indestructible!** They won't even get a **scratch!**

EXXON

Honey, I've **killed Casting Ploy** and had my **face restored** to **normal!**

Finally, the **nightmare's over!**

Not quite! I've arranged for **one more face swap!**

Who is it this time?

You and **Julia Roberts!** Say **hello** to Dr. **Gimelstob!**

THE SCHMUCKS STOP HERE DEPT.

As you might expect, our pals Melvin and Jenkins are two swinging guys who are quite popular with the opposite sex. Of course, as you might also expect, their ideas of romance differ slightly, as you'll see in...

Melvin & Jenkins'

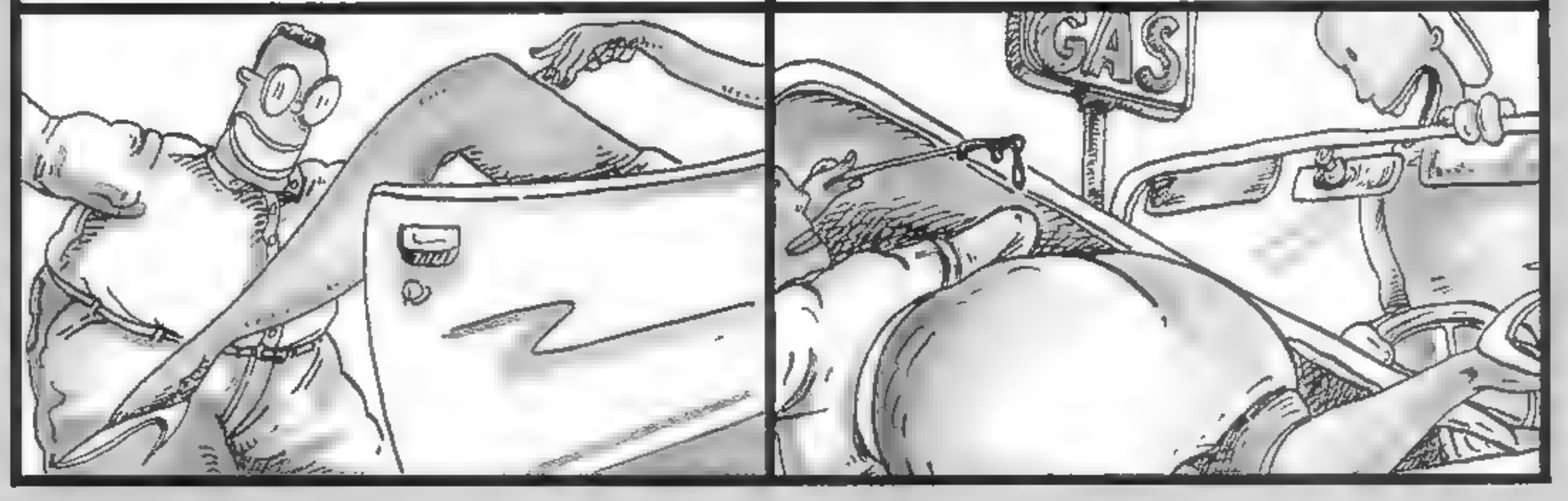
GUIDE TO DATING

Jenkins knows that women are turned on by intimate exchanges of feelings and gentle gestures of tenderness.

Melvin considers 'pull my finger" to be his best opening line.

Jenkins always remembers to open the car door for his date when she enters and exits the vehicle.

Melvin always asks his date to check the oil and tire pressure when she's through working the pump.



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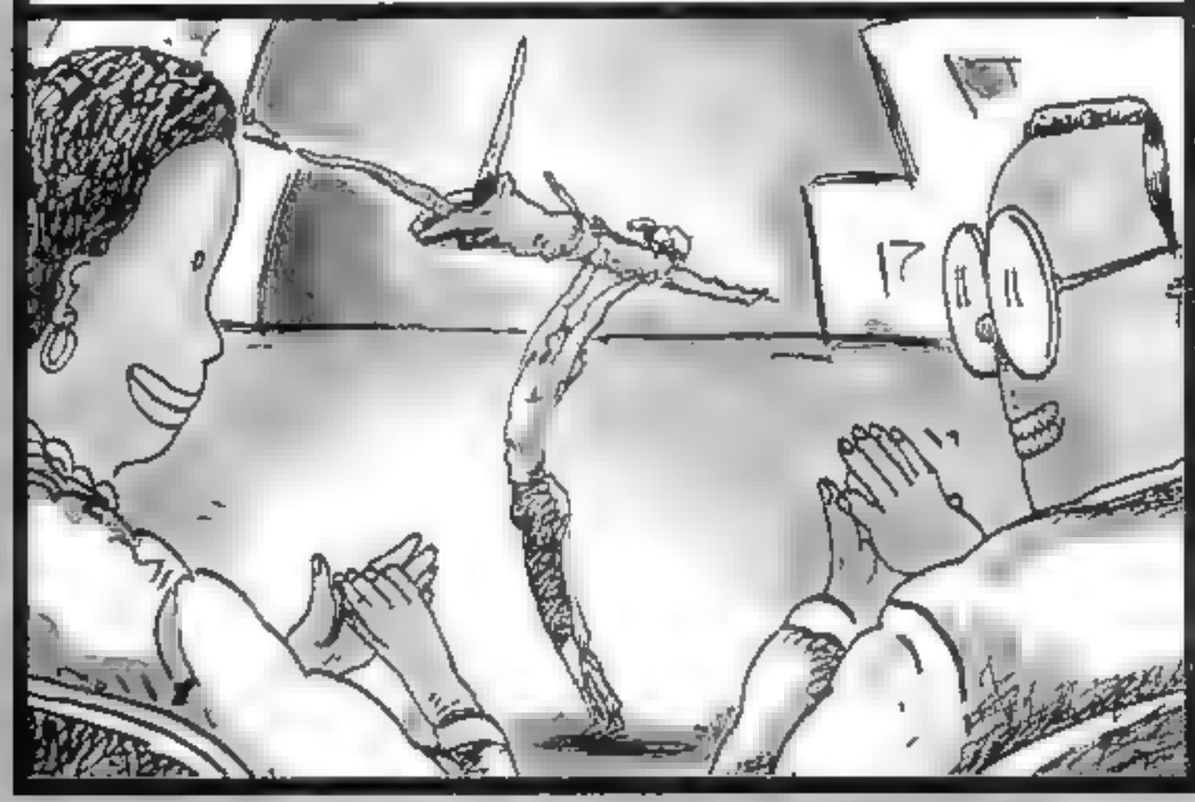
Jenkins takes his date to the ballet to celebrate the glory of the human form in motion.

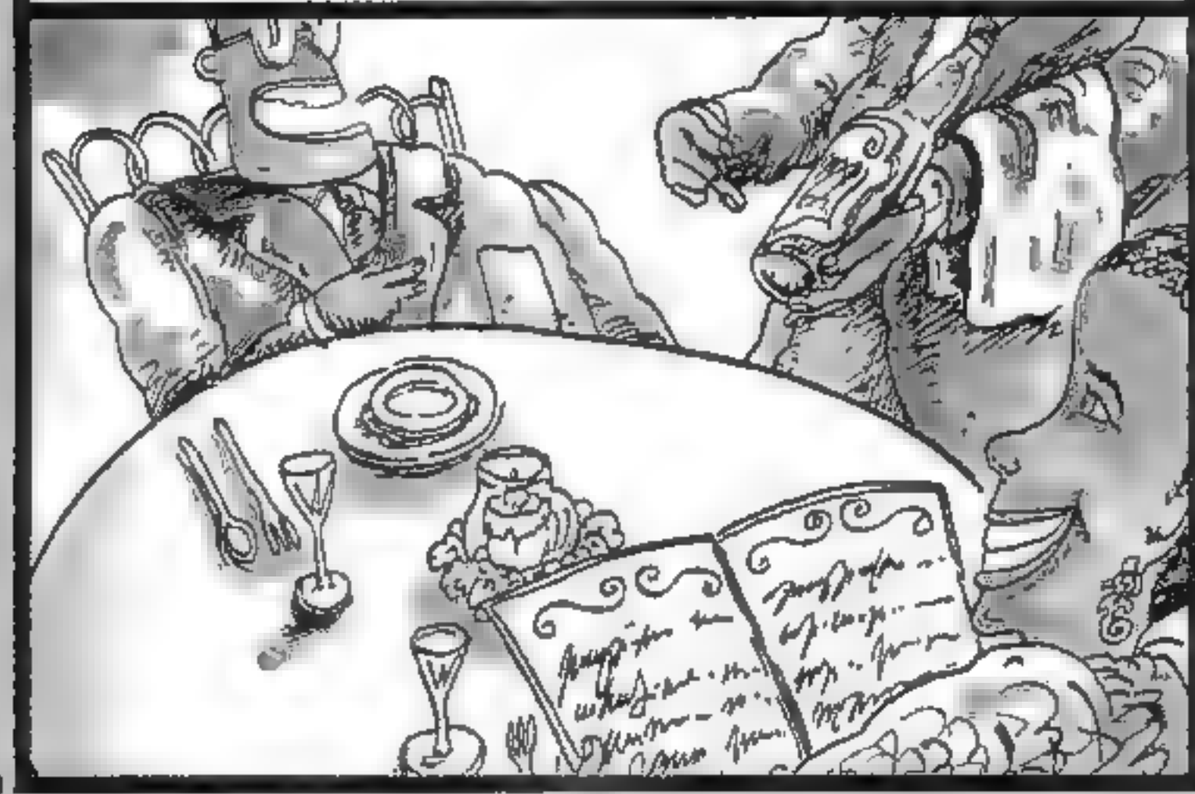


Melvin takes his date to nude female mud wrestling for the same reason.

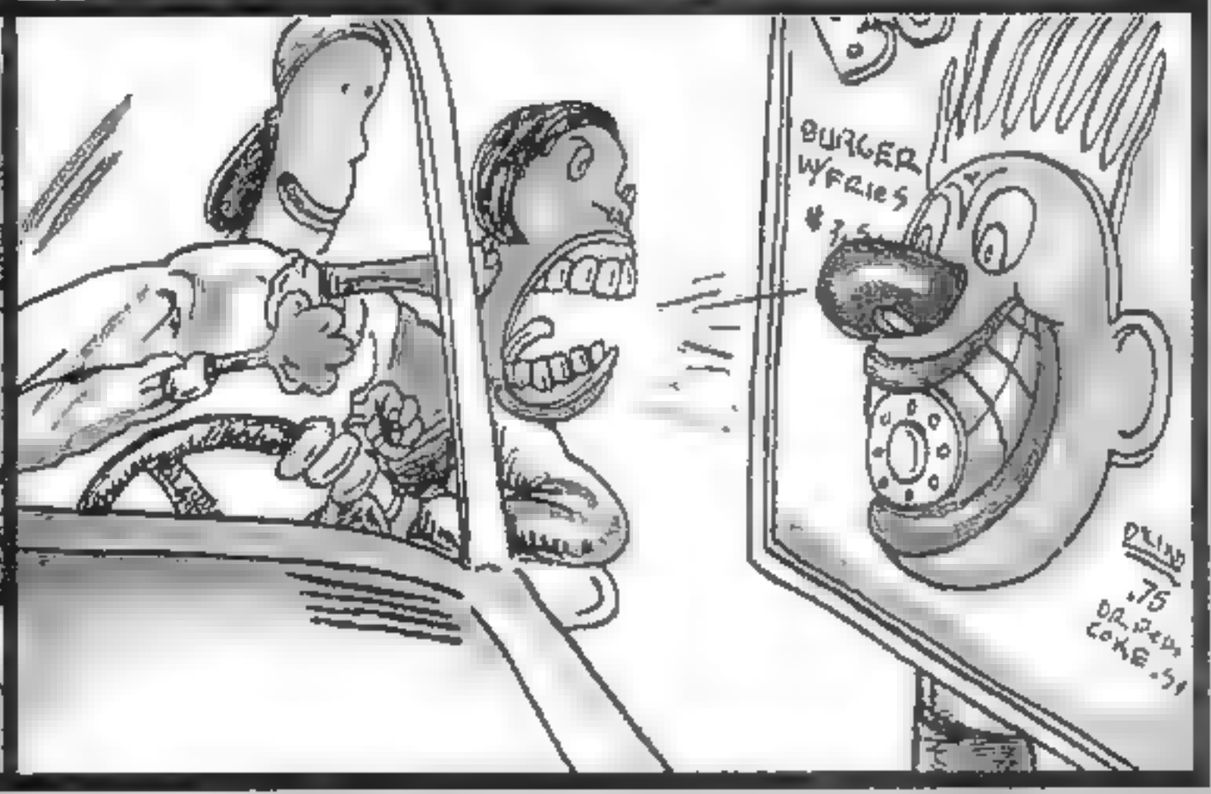
Jenkins always makes an effort to show his blind date a good time, even though she may not be his type. After all, she has feelings, too.

Melvin knows that squeezing through a packed crowd at a concert is the best way to ditch a fat chick while cruising for a replacement.

Jenkins orders a succulent six-course meal, impressing his date with his command of the French language.

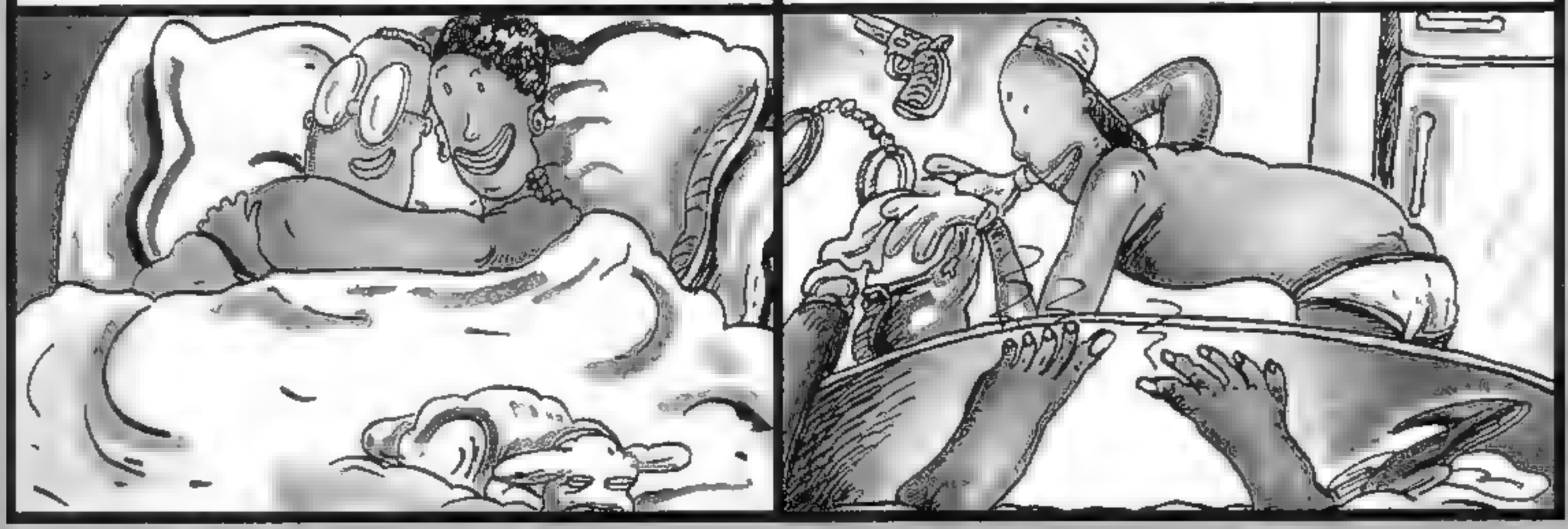


Melvin lets his date yell into the clown.



Jenkins makes it a point to spend a lot of time cuddling with his lover as a means of forming strong emotional bonds.

Melvin waits until his lover is asleep before going through her purse and raiding her refrigerator.

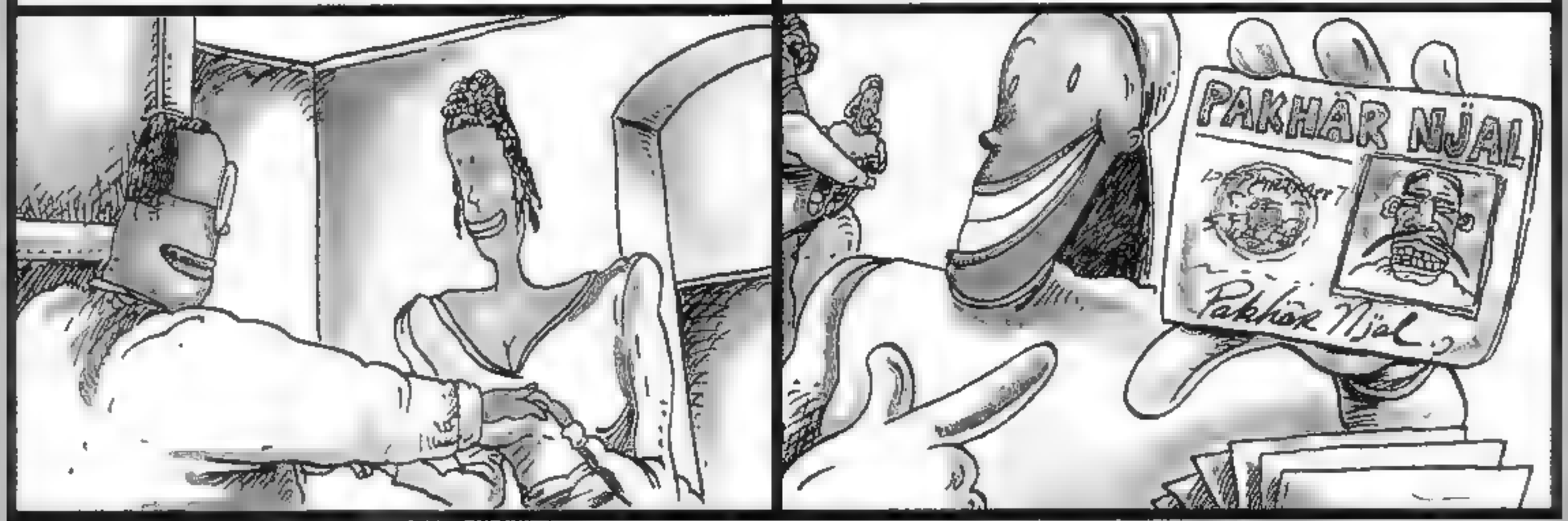


Jenkins always remembers his girlfriend's birthday with a thoughtful card, flowers and dinner at her favorite restaurant.

Melvin gets his girlfriend a subscription to *Hustler* so he'll have something to read while she does his laundry.

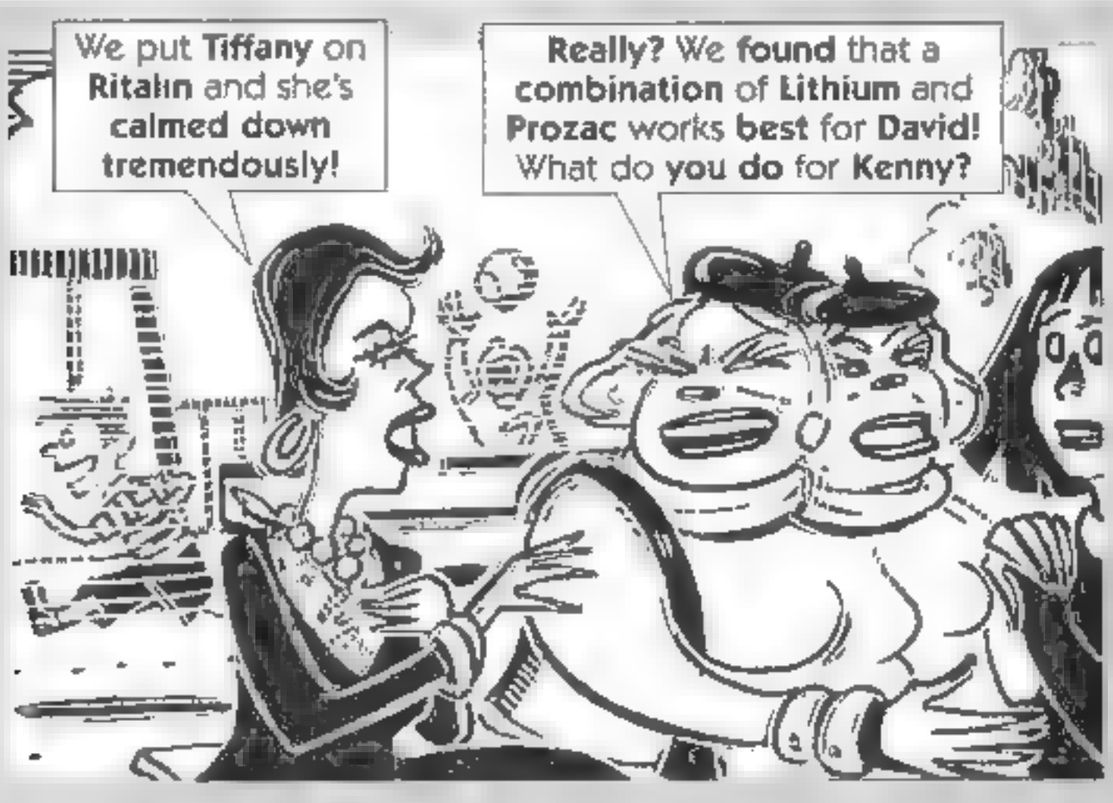
Jenkins always ends a relationship gently and with respect for the delicate feelings of his partner.

Melvin keeps a revolving set of fake IDs to avoid paternity suits.

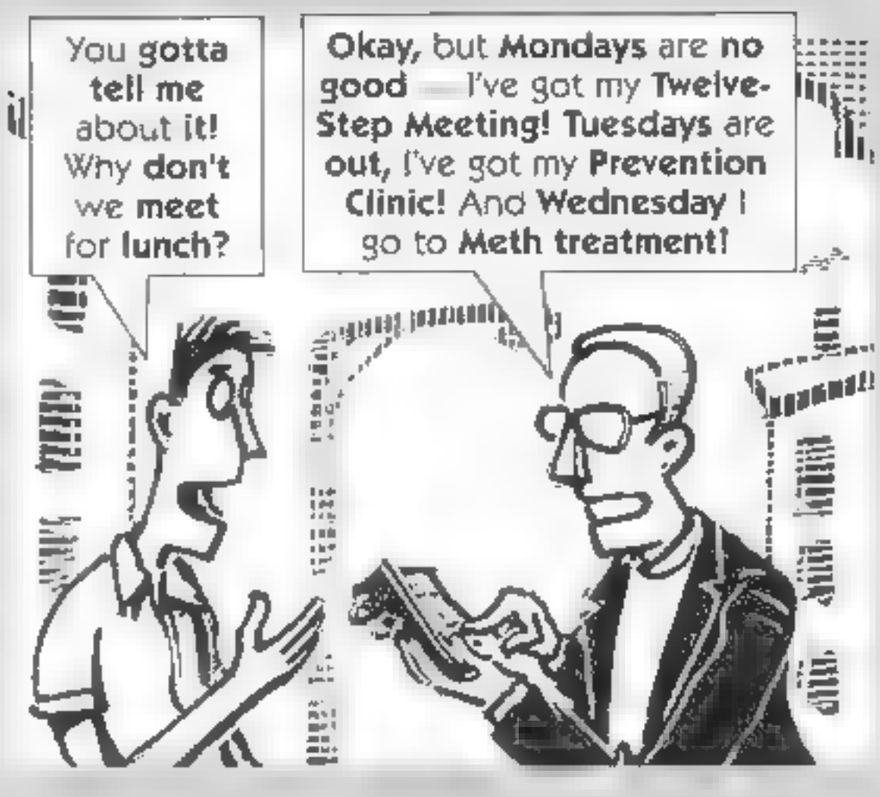


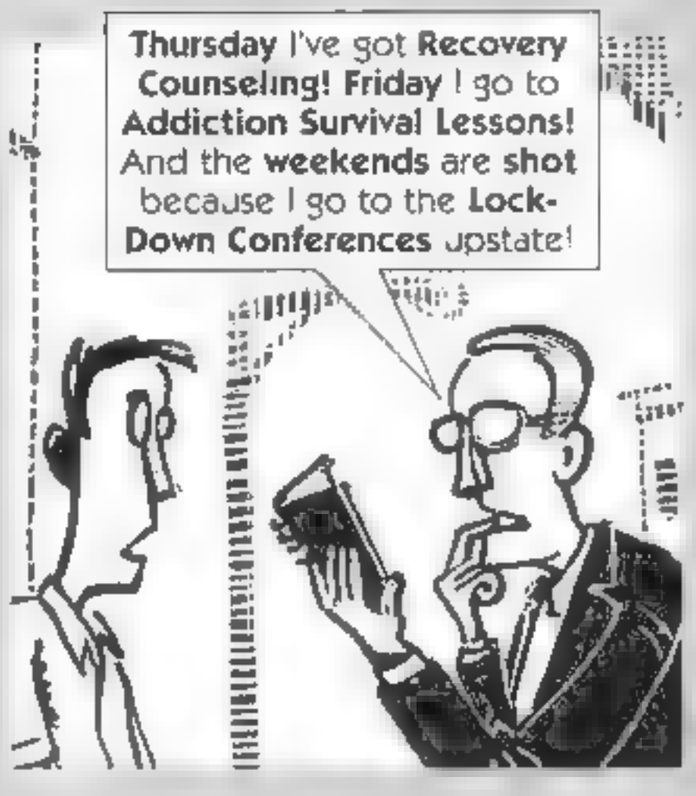
BEHIND THE HALLUCINATE BALL DEPT.

THE MAD WORLD


We put **Tiffany** on **Ritalin** and she's **calmed down tremendously!**
Really? We **found** that a **combination** of **Lithium** and **Prozac** works **best** for **David!** What do **you do** for **Kenny?**

Paul Klippel! I **haven't seen** you in **ages!** Not since **your — uh, your** — well, you **look great!**
Thanks! It's all because I'm **finally fighting** my **addictions!**

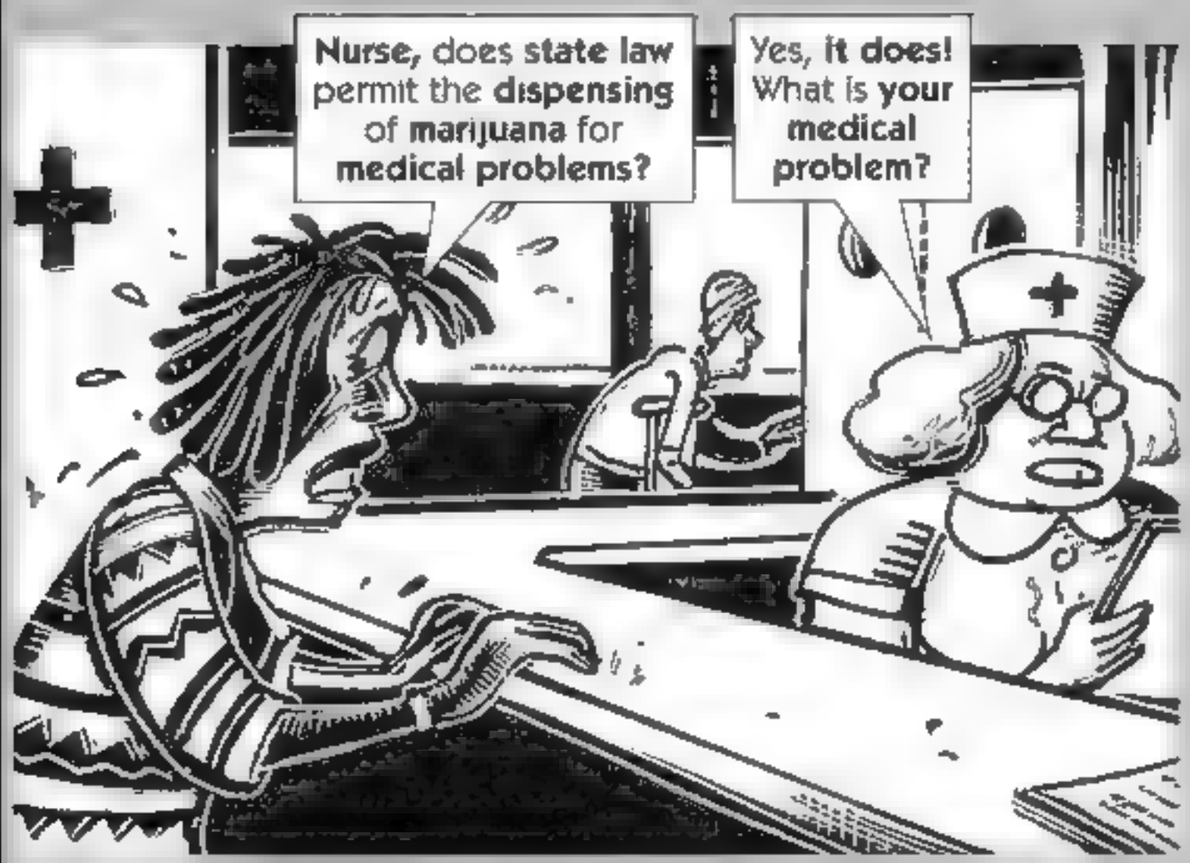

You **gotta tell me** about **it!** Why **don't** we **meet** for **lunch?**
Okay, but **Mondays** are **no good** — I've got my **Twelve-Step Meeting! Tuesdays** are **out,** I've got my **Prevention Clinic!** And **Wednesday** I go to **Meth treatment!**


Thursday I've got **Recovery Counseling! Friday** I go to **Addiction Survival Lessons!** And the **weekends** are **shot** because I go to the **Lock-Down Conferences** upstate!

OF... DRUGS

ARTIST: PETER KUPER WRITER: ANNA BECKER

Hey, these aren't magic mushrooms! You can get these at any supermarket!
And this isn't cocaine! It's flour!
I hate to tell you, but this isn't marijuana! It's oregano!
Damn! How are we going to party with this stuff?
Oh well, sounds like we can't get together!
Yeah, too bad! But I wanna tell ya, it's great having my life back!
I'm here to announce my retirement from football! Unfortunately, my career was cut short by steroid use!
This is shocking news, Boomer! How long have you been taking them?
Me? I never took drugs! I'm talking about the 412 lb. linebacker who snapped my spinal cord!
I want you! I need you! Let's do it! Please!
Great! Let's go to my place!
It's amazing! Every week Glenn leaves with another babe! How does he do it?
Easy! He just keeps hitting on 'em till he finds one tripping on Ecstasy!
EXIT


Nurse, does state law permit the dispensing of marijuana for medical problems?
Yes, it does! What is your medical problem?

I'm addicted to marijuana!

Did you see the article about Senator Kreski?
Kreski! Now there's a good man! He's decisive and tough! Not like those other wimps in Washington! I don't think there's a situation he can't handle!

Well, it says here he once smoked pot in college 28 years ago!
That's the last time that drugged-out scumbag gets my vote!

Man, I love getting high! But I gotta cut down! I'm going broke!
But I thought you got your weed for free by growing your own!

I do! It's having the munchies I can't afford!
Chips
GRUHCH cereal

INITIAL DISTRACTION DEPT.

An acronym is a word formed from the initial letters of other words, such as NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization), SCUBA (Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus) and FIAT (Fix It Again, Tony)! However, there are examples of acronyms that have somehow evaded everyone, so we now bring to your attention...

PRODUCT ACRONYMS YOU NEVER KNEW EXISTED

CAMEL Clever Advertising Makes Emphysema Lucrative

K-MART Keeping Middle America Really Tacky

ELVIS ARRIVES ON UFO
Star
BIGFOOT
"HOW I LOST 40 LBS AND KEPT THEM OFF"
ELVIS HAS LEFT THE MOTHERSHIP
200 YEAR OLD WOMAN GIVES BIRTH TO 100 YEAR OLD MAN

STAR Supermarket Tabloid Attracting Retards

LEGO Lethally Edged Gouging Object

U-HAUL Unsafe Hitches And Unreliable Latches

VISA Victimizes Impulsive Shopping Addicts

LOTTO Lose Often To Terrible Odds

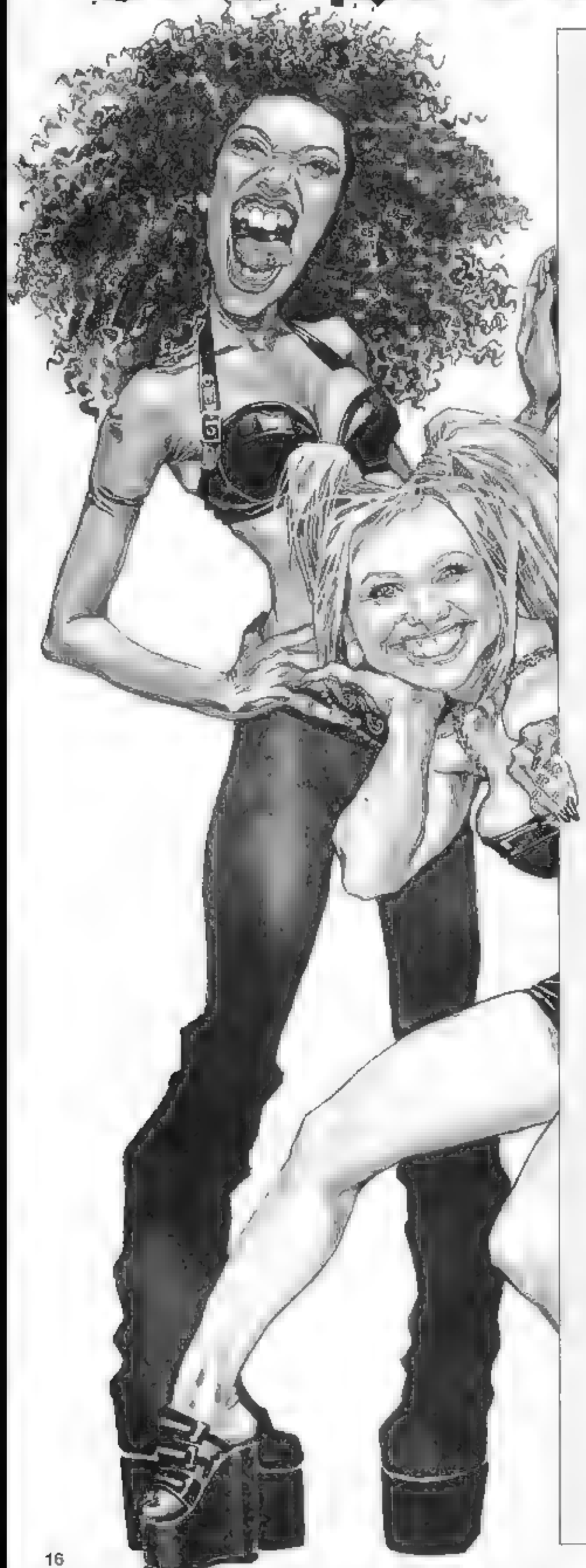
RED WOLF Ridiculously Expensive Domestic With Outrageously Lousy Flavor

ARTIST: RICHARD WEISS

WRITER: DARREN JOHNSON

Laws say there must be nine Supreme Court Justices, 40 men on a professional football team and 435 members of Congress, but there are no laws fixing the number of Spice Girls! Five was

JOB APPLICATION FORM



JOB APPLICATION FORM FOR THE NEXT SPICE GIRL

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____

1. **Every Spice Girl has a "Spice" nickname. If you were to become one, which of the following nicknames best describes you? (Choose one)**

___Cellulite Spice ___Bulimic Spice ___Lice-ridden Spice
___Itch-fighting Spice ___Amway-selling Spice ___Amish Spice
___Comatose Spice ___She-male Spice ___Other:_____

2. **Every Spice Girl must have an annoying British accent. Which of the following best characterizes your accent?**

a. A high-pitched, nasal bray
(Like Robin Leach after another all-night caviar binge)

b. A guttural, vocal belch
(Like Ozzy Osbourne lapsing back into consciousness)

c. A whiny, lingual mush
(Like Tracey Ullman as 45 of her 97 characters)

d. An erudite, unintelligible stutter
(Like an ecstatic Hugh Grant in the back seat of a rented BMW)

3. **Spice Girls are constantly in the public eye. Which of the following is the *most appropriate* behavior for a Spice Girl?**

a. Expressing foolish, unreasoned political opinions
b. Dumping the contents of an elaborately set dining table on the floor
c. Pinching the buttocks of a member of the Royal Family
d. Urinating on the floor of a 5-star hotel
e. All of the above

4. **What is a quick translation of the line "Zigazig ha" in the song "Wannabe"?**

a. "Gee, you don't even need lyrics that make sense to have an international hit!"
b. "When the album sales die down we'll take that standing offer from *Playboy*."
c. "Thank God for music videos — if no one could see us our careers'd be in the toilet!"
d. "Let's break — we'll think of something for that part of the song after lunch."

5. **Besides the Spice Girls, which other prefabricated musical group do you see as your biggest musical influence?**

a. Menudo
b. The Monkees
c. New Kids On The Block
d. New Edition

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA WRITER: CHARLIE KADAU

just a start, and like any successful business venture, they're looking to expand! Do you think you have what it takes to be a Spice Girl? There's a simple way to find out! By filling out the...

FOR THE NEXT SPICE GIRL

6. No, really, what do you think the song lyric "Zigazig ha" means?

- **a.** "Someone left the cake out in the rain"
- **b.** "If there's a bustle in your hedgerow, don't be alarmed now"
- **c.** "Mars ain't the kind of place to raise your kid — in fact it's cold as hell"
- **d.** "She's Lump, she's Lump, she's Lump, she's in my head"

7. Each Spice Girl must have a specific attribute. If you were a Spice Girl, your attribute would be:

- **a.** To go everywhere with a bare midriff — even to funerals SORRY, TAKEN
- **b.** To do back flips repeatedly (applies to less attractive group members only) SORRY, TAKEN
- **c.** To model in the nude at the drop of a hat SORRY, TAKEN
- **d.** To grab one's private parts through mounds of baby fat SORRY, TAKEN
- **e.** To look really hot, but not sing or dance so well SORRY, TAKEN
- **f.** To answer reporters' questions with goofy, off-color nonsensical responses SORRY, TAKEN
- **g.** Other_____

8. One last try. You see, we're not sure what "Zigazig ha" means either and are looking for all the help we can get. You think it means:

- **a.** "Su su sudio"
- **b.** "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocius"
- **c.** "Mmm bop, ba duba dop"
- **d.** "Do be do be do"

9. Which is the best example of "Girl Power"?

- **a.** Picking one's nose in public
- **b.** Lying about your real age
- **c.** Dumping the original manager that brought the group together
- **d.** All of the above

10. A good title for the next Spice Girls movie would be:

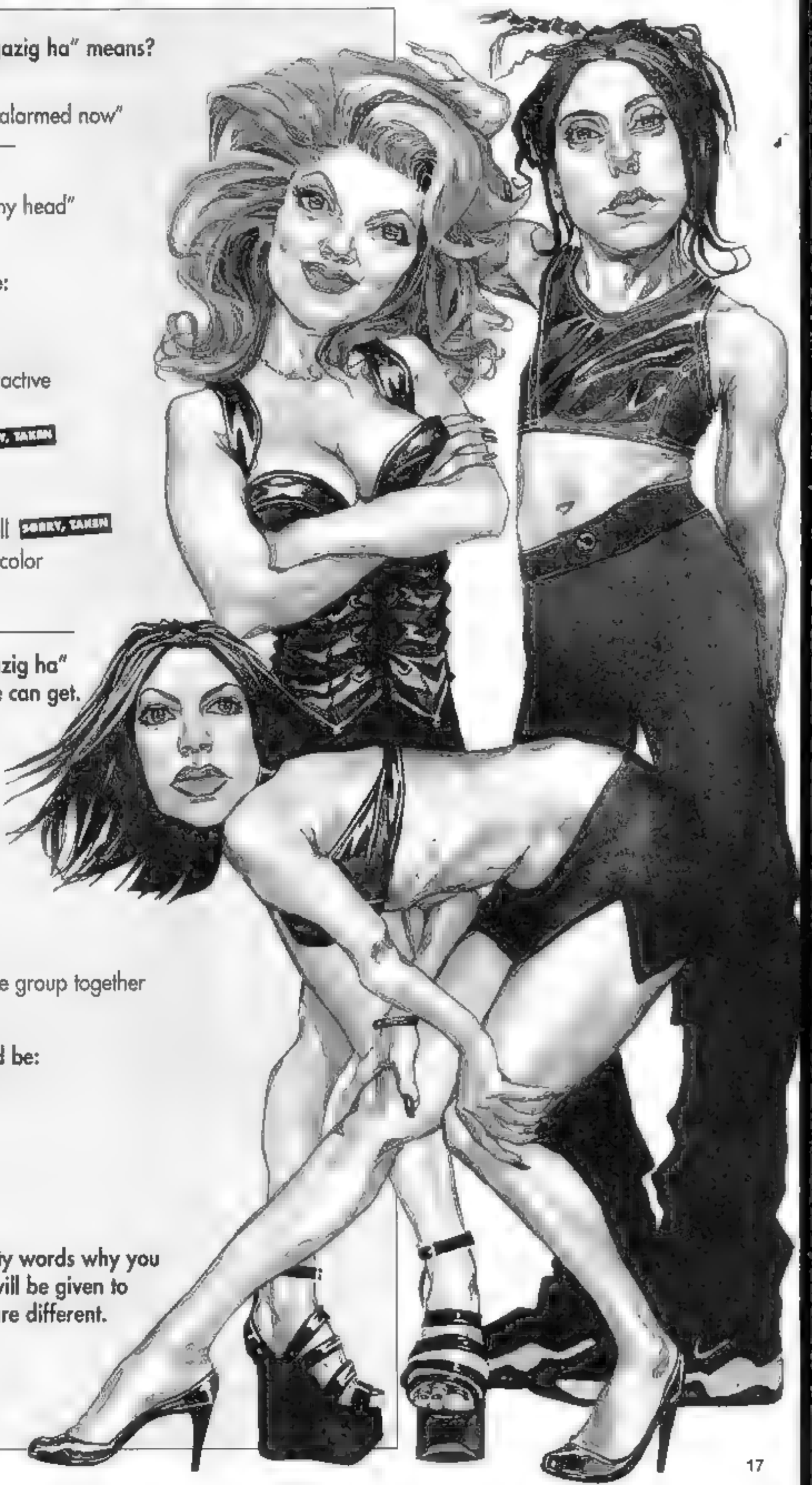
- **a.** *2001: A Spice Odyssey*
- **b.** *A Hard Day's Spice*
- **c.** *Forrest Spice*
- **d.** *Batman & Spice Forever*
- **e.** Other_____

11. On a separate piece of paper, please state in fifty words why you want to become a Spice Girl. Special attention will be given to your application if at least 35 of the 50 words are different.

Send your completed application to:

I Wannabe A Spice Girl
5 Thatcher Circle
London, England SE5 2LS

GOOD LUCK, WANKERS!



ANGSTER'S PARADISE DEPT.

MONROE &...

Gym class. Where the smell of damp towels and moldy sneakers can stay with

Awright, you little jellyrolls! Today we're gonna try something different. You freshmen are gonna take on the seniors in a little basketball game. But first, some warm-ups!

Nothing like some spine-jarring, high-impact jumping jacks to wake them bodies up, I say!

CRUNCH!

KICK!

Band practice! Ha! What a douche!

Whaddaya play, skin flute or male organ?

I...whu ...skin who?

TWEEET!

SPANG!

KICK

Whoa, the little girlie made a basket!

Now we must destroy him!

SWISH!

TRIP!

THE GYM CLASS

a person for a lifetime. It's here where our hero mixes it up with the big boys!

Hey, girlie. You say something about me?

I (huff!) I don't even know you (huff!) Why would I say anything? I didn't say anything (huff!).

I should kick your ass!

Save it for the game, Bronco!

COACH BULLDOG

I don't know about you guys, but I hate P.E.! I'll take band practice over this anytime.

STOMP!

CRACK!

TROMP!

Took a few hits, huh? Don't worry son! Shake it off! Shake it off! Get back out there!

I think I'm dying!

Monroe, over here!

Throw it over here!

SPANG

SPANG

SPANG

TWEEEET!

Hit the showers!

...er...coach, I think I'll just go straight to the nurse!

Not all sweaty like that! You ain't gonna stink up that nice Nurse Dana's office! Lose them skivvies, now, boy!

SWAT!

ARTIST: BILL WRAY

WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI

Hiya, fellas. Some game, wasn't it?

What are you starin' at, girlie?

Me, I'm not starin' at nothin'!

Ain't you ever seen a man's body before?

Come here, you little twerp!

WINK!

TWIRL

TWIRL

How does that feel, girlie?

KA SNAP!

SWISH!

Hold on there, Monroe. You did a fine job today and it looks like the older boys took a liking to you! Matter of fact they want you to come out to the field tomorrow for a friendly game of touch football! How does that sound, sport?

CRAWL

CRAWL

CRAWL

AHHHHH!!!!

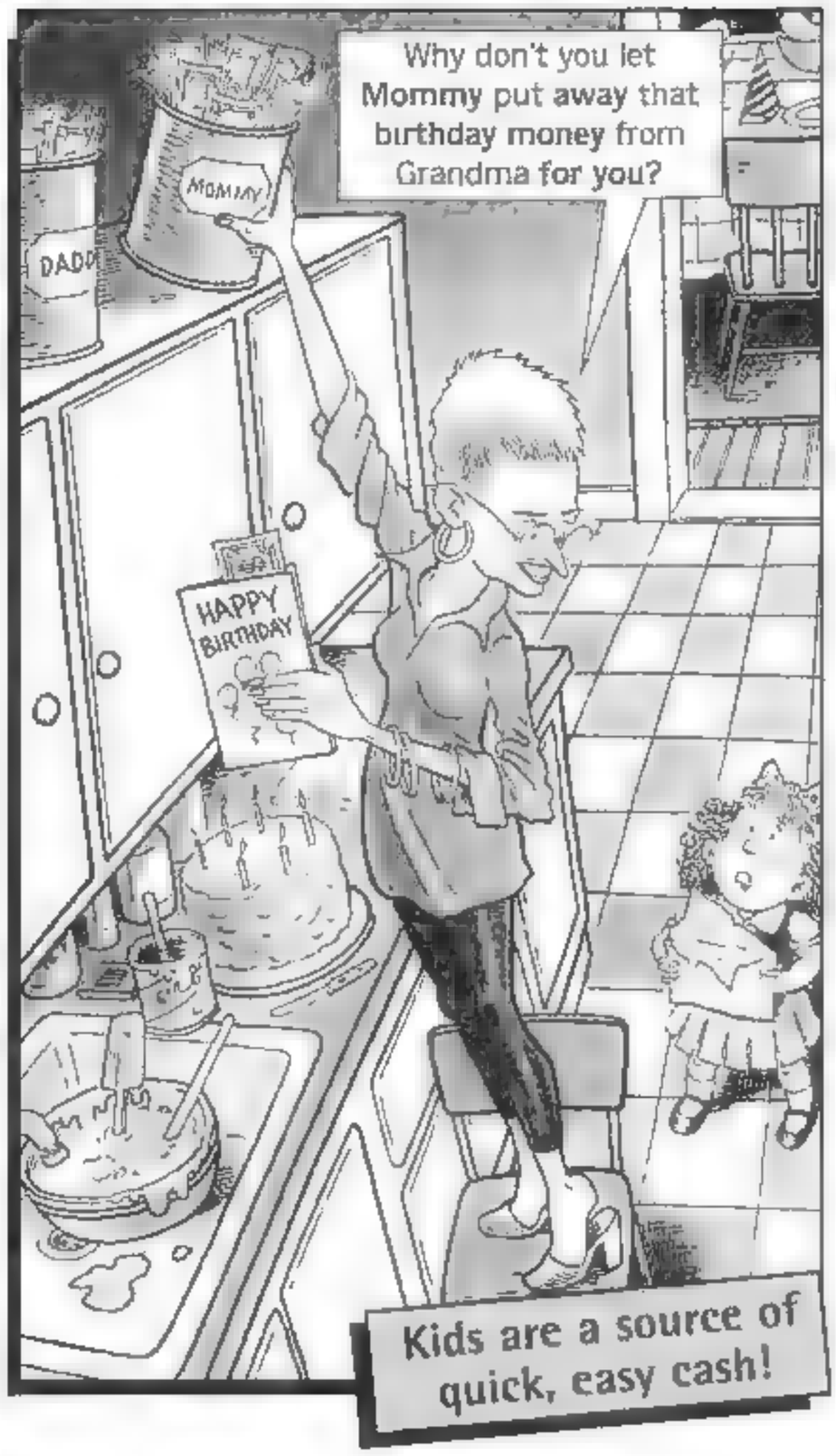
GAINES HIGH SCHOOL

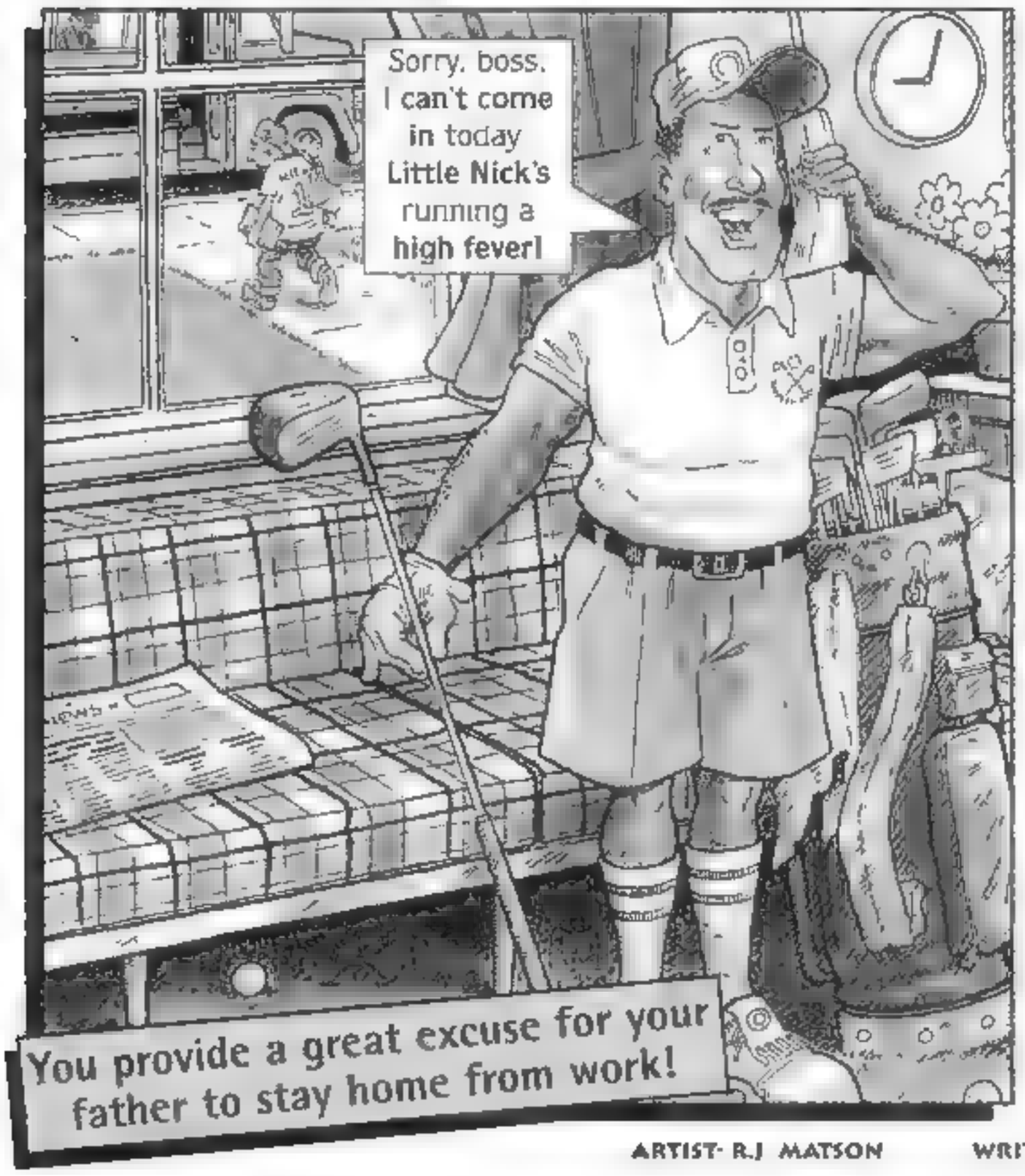
CRACK

Bill Wray

Why Your Parents REALLY Had You

Next time you're in need of a good laugh at the dinner table, ask your parents why they decided to have children! They'll feed you more lies than Bill Clinton at a White House press conference! "For the joy of parenting..." "Because we knew how special you'd be..." "Because we love each other very much..." Forget it, kid! It's time for you to take an express trip to Painful Reality-ville and learn...


Why don't you let Mommy put away that birthday money from Grandma for you?
MOMMY
DADDY
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Kids are a source of quick, easy cash!


Sorry, boss. I can't come in today Little Nick's running a high fever!
You provide a great excuse for your father to stay home from work!

(Chomp!) I was thin as a rail (Gulp!) until those damn kids were (Slurp!) born!
Ha! We had to squeeze you into a size 18 on your wedding day!
PIG OUT BBQ
IGLOO
FAT BLOCK
SUGAR DONUTS
GREASE CHIPS
You're to blame for why your mother isn't a size two anymore!

ARTIST- R.J MATSON WRITER PEGGY DOODY

Why Your Parents REALLY Had You

But, dad! They're throwing broken bottles at us!

Sometimes we have to suffer for what we believe in! Now get back there! I'll be in the van!

PRO LIFE

PRO

ANTI

PROTECT THE LIFE OF THE CHILD!

OPERATION RESCUE

You are easily exploited to promote your parents' personal causes!

Good morning, son. Is your father home? We'd like to talk to him about Jesus!

All they do is hold us back!

If I didn't have that kid I coulda had a career as a supermodel!

MILK

You're the perfect scapegoat for your parents' wasted life and unfulfilled dreams...

That girl's going to be a supermodel whether she likes it or not!

Better start starving her now!

...but then again, they can force all their unfulfilled dreams on you!

Te, him I'm down at the **soup kitchen** doing **volunteer work!**

Er, he's down at the **soup kitchen** doing **volunteer work.**

664

You're handy for answering the door when unwanted visitors come calling!

You **go out** (Cough!) and have a **good time.** I'll get to my **doctor's appointment** somehow! (Hack!) Just **one thing** before you go. Can you get me a **heating pad,** son?

MOMMA'S BOY

They can guilt you into taking care of them when they get old!

Sorry to **bother you** on your **big night,** dear! But could you **come home?** I need to **tape QVC!**

HOMECOMING NIGHT

QUEEN

KING

You're the only one in the house who knows how to work the electronic equipment!

I hear you kids are **going clubbing!** Like, **fresh** and **groovy!** Mind if your ol' **mother tags along?**

Uh, I **think** we're going to **study** at the **library instead!**

Ohmigod! I **don't think so!**

Like, **no way!** That is **too lame!**

Parents think they can stay hip through you!

IT'S A BOOT POINT DEPT.: If you have Microsoft Windows 95, a Tip of the Day appears on your screen whenever you first boot up your computer. These tips describe features, commands and shortcuts in Windows that you

LITTLE KNOWN WINDOWS 95

Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
Puns about "speed bumps" or "blowing a tire" on the Information Superhighway were funny the first few times, but now are getting really annoying
Windows Tour
What's New
Online Registration
Product Catalog
Next Tip
Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
If your modem is broken or your E-mail destination is busy, you may communicate with friends by means of objects called "paper," "envelopes" and "telephones."
Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
You can delete the Macro Error Dialog Box that frequently appears on your screen when using Excel by simply banging on the side of your monitor a few times
Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
There is X-rated clip art in this program, but we won't tell you where it is unless you order an upgrade
Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
You can avoid neck injury and eyestrain at work by just quitting your job and finding one that doesn't involve computers in any way
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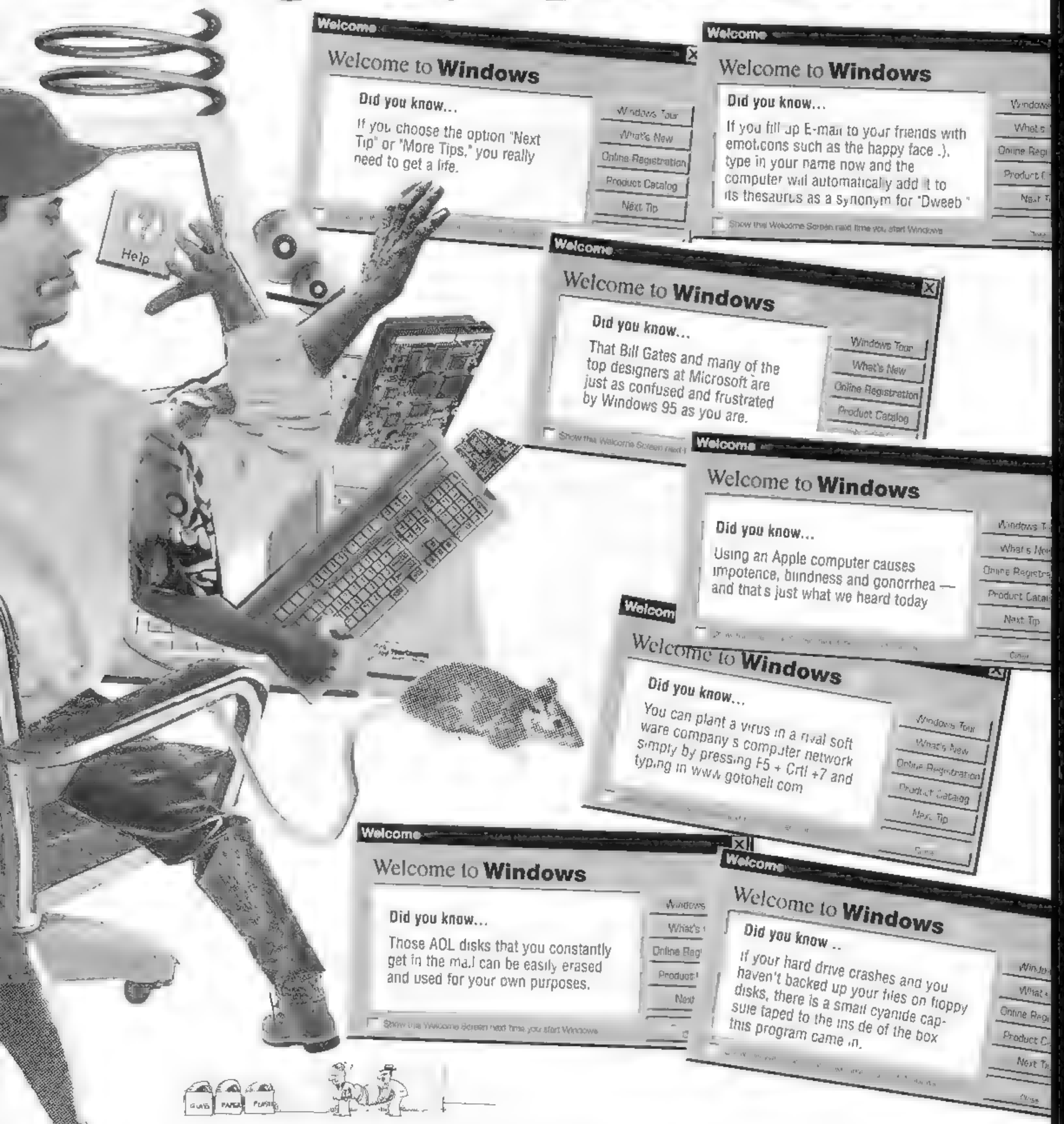
Did you know...
You can type the word "dog" simply by pressing the keys marked "d" "o," and "g," in that order. If it is the first word of a sentence, you will need to press "Shift" + "D."
Windows Tour
What's New
Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
When creating funeral announcements, it is generally viewed as bad taste to use such gimmick fonts as "Ghoulie Caps," "Candy Cane" or "Chunky Monkey."

ARTIST: GERRY GERSTEN

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

may not know. Problem is, the designers of Windows were so busy trying to get rid of all the bugs in their program (not to mention exercising their Microsoft stock options) that they left out a few important factoids! That's where we come in! Here's MAD's...

"TIPS OF THE DAY"


Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
If you choose the option "Next Tip" or "More Tips," you really need to get a life.
Windows Tour
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Next Tip
Show this Welcome Screen next time you start Windows
Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
If you fill up E-mail to your friends with emoticons such as the happy face :), type in your name now and the computer will automatically add it to its thesaurus as a synonym for "Dweeb."
Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
That Bill Gates and many of the top designers at Microsoft are just as confused and frustrated by Windows 95 as you are.
Windows Tour
What's New
Online Registration
Product Catalog
Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
Using an Apple computer causes impotence, blindness and gonorrhea — and that's just what we heard today
Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
You can plant a virus in a rival software company's computer network simply by pressing F5 + Ctrl +7 and typing in www.gotohell.com
Windows Tour
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Next Tip
Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
Those AOL disks that you constantly get in the mail can be easily erased and used for your own purposes.
Show this Welcome Screen next time you start Windows
Welcome
Welcome to Windows
Did you know...
If your hard drive crashes and you haven't backed up your files on floppy disks, there is a small cyanide capsule taped to the inside of the box this program came in.
Help
GLASS
PAPER
PLASTIC

THE DISSING LINK DEPT.

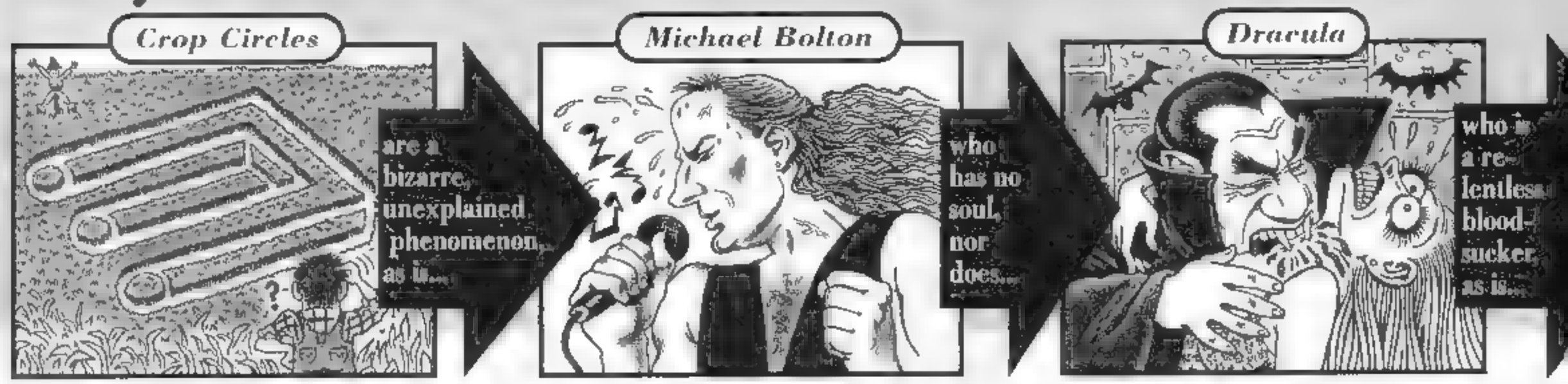
6 DEGREES OF SEPAR

Everybody knows the Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon Game – name a celebrity (say, Dustin Hoffman) and link him to Kevin Bacon. Okay, here we go: Dustin Hoffman was in *Rain Man* with Tom Cruise, who was in *A Few Good Men* with, you guessed it, Kevin Bacon. Fun, huh? No, not really! For a real challenge, you should link the truly bizarre by playing...

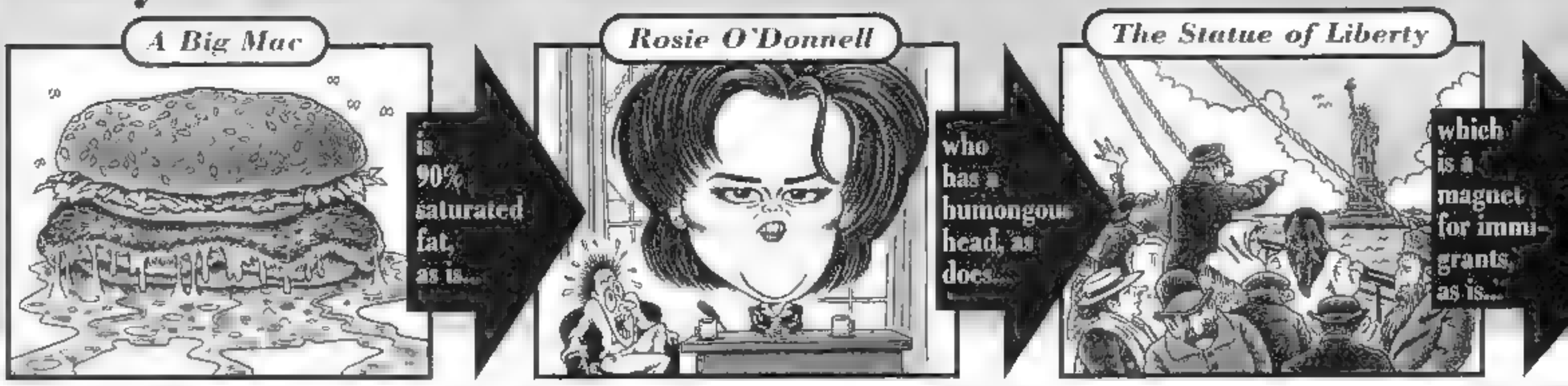
can you link *THE PILL* to *THE POPE?*

The Pill
is a form of birth control, as is...
Lorena Bobbitt
SWISH
who is a famous knife enthusiast, as is...
O.J. Simpson
I AM 100% NOT GUILTY!
who is full of crap, as is...

can you link *CROP CIRCLES* to *KEVIN COSTNER?*


Crop Circles
are a bizarre, unexplained phenomenon, as is...
Michael Bolton
who has no soul, nor does...
Dracula
who is a relentless blood-sucker, as is...

can you link *A BIG MAC* to *BEIRUT?*


A Big Mac
is 90% saturated fat, as is...
Rosie O'Donnell
who has a humongous head, as does...
The Statue of Liberty
which is a magnet for immigrants, as is...

can you link COURTNEY LOVE to MAD COW DISEASE?

Courtney Love
is a tacky noise-maker, as is...
Ronco's "Mr. Microphone"
THE BEE GEES
which is an unfortunate byproduct of the '70s, as is...
Aerosmith
which is packed with aging baby boomers, as are...

ATIONBETWEENANYONE AND ANYTHING

ARTIST: RICK TULKA WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

A Toilet
which has a smooth, white surface, as does...
Michael Jackson
who never bonked Lisa Marie Presley, nor did...
The Pope
The IRS
HAVE A NICE DAY
APRIL 15
which is a bloated government entity, as is...
Ted Kennedy
XXX
who is a survivor of a water disaster, as is...
Kevin Costner
PRODUCTION COSTS FOR WATERWORLD $200 BILLION
A Welfare Check
MAX KORN
POST NO BILLS
which requires little to no work at all, nor does...
A Postal Service Job
NEXT WINDOW
which is a breeding ground for machine gun-toting psychos, as is...
Beirut
Dockers Slacks
which are pre-fabricated and factory assembled, as are...
The Spice Girls
TULKA
who are a deadly British export, as is...
Mad Cow Disease

A MAD LOOK AT

'GA
RA

LA
BANGA
RROR
RULES

HATE

BORN
TO
KILL

TATTOOS

POLICE
STATION

GANGS

ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES

PAWNSHOP
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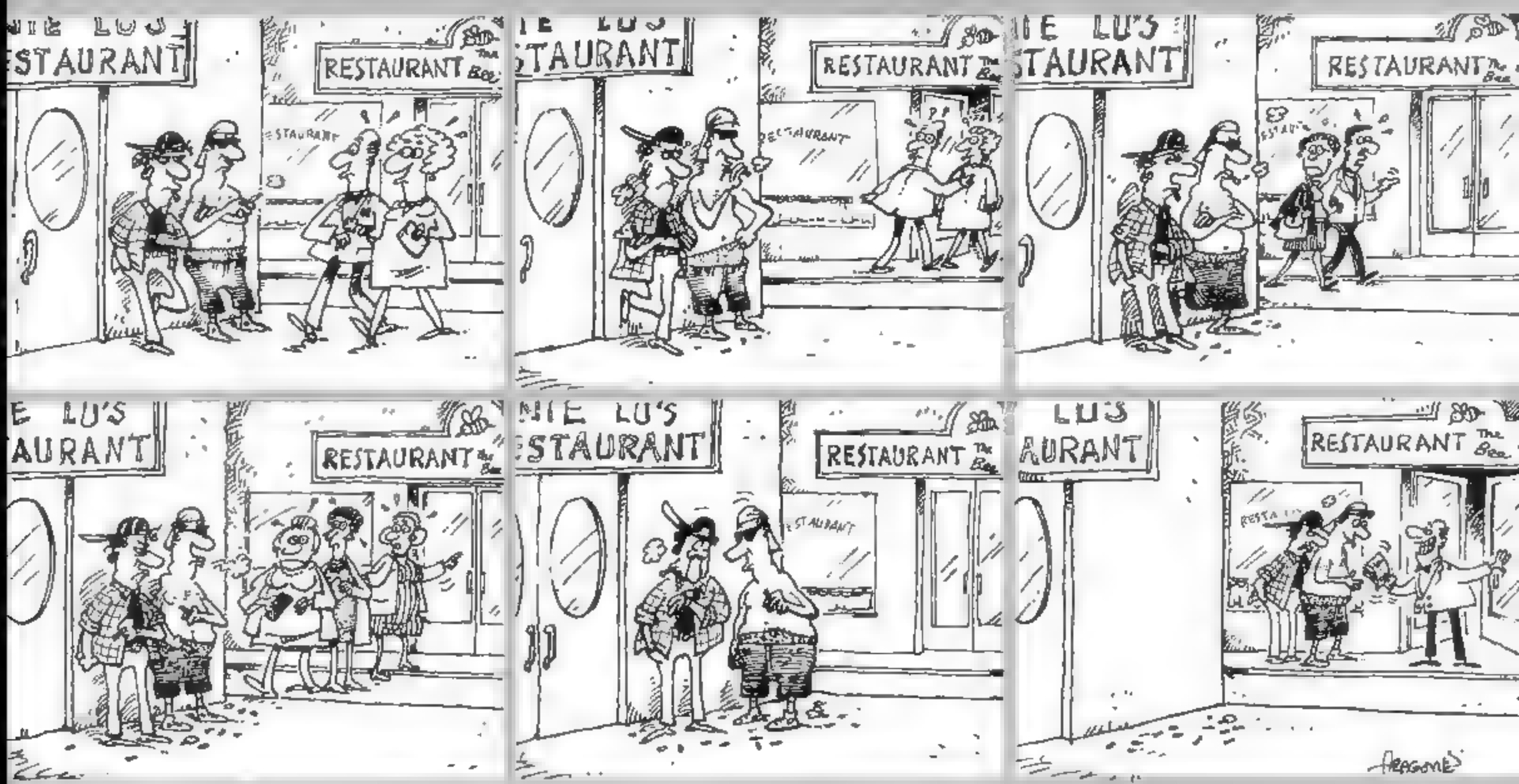
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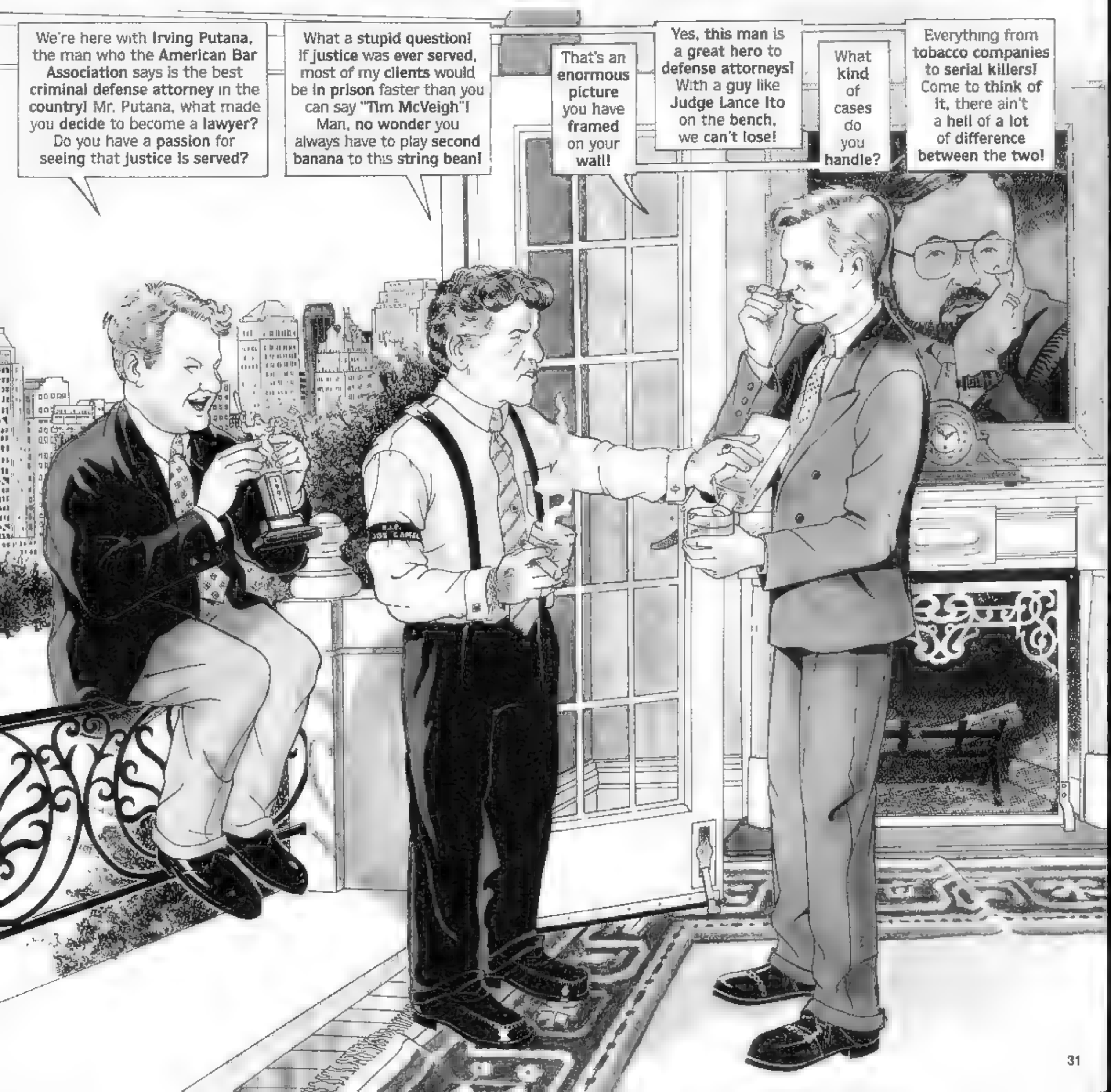
SLAUGHTER IN THE COURT DEPT.

With all the high profile criminal cases in the news lately, a new kind of media celebrity has emerged — the defense attorney. But with all the hoopla, it's tough to get an exclusive with these guys, unless you're really good at kissing ass! So we went right to the best — Colon O'Brien and his cherubic sidekick, Andy Sphincter!

MAD INTERVIEWS THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

ARTIST: TIMOTHY SHAMEY WRITER: STAN HART


We're here with Irving Putana, the man who the American Bar Association says is the best criminal defense attorney in the country! Mr. Putana, what made you decide to become a lawyer? Do you have a passion for seeing that justice is served?
What a stupid question! If justice was ever served, most of my clients would be in prison faster than you can say "Tim McVeigh"! Man, no wonder you always have to play second banana to this string bean!
That's an enormous picture you have framed on your wall!
Yes, this man is a great hero to defense attorneys! With a guy like Judge Lance Ito on the bench, we can't lose!
What kind of cases do you handle?
Everything from tobacco companies to serial killers! Come to think of it, there ain't a hell of a lot of difference between the two!

This is the case of a wealthy, married playboy who murdered his socialite mistress! The trial's been going on for six months!

What do you think his chances are?

I'm hoping for a hung jury!

Why's that?

So I can make money on both this trial AND the re-trial!

Are you worried they'll give him the death penalty?

Wake up and smell the gas chamber! How many rich people were ever executed in the USA?

Do you have different strategies when you come up against a good prosecuting attorney?

"Good prosecuting attorney" is an oxymoron! They're just lawyers who couldn't make it in private practice!

You mean there aren't any good ones?

Let me answer that with two words: "Marcia Clark"!

Aren't you being a little unfair?

Okay here's two more words for you, "Chris Darden"!

Here's one of my biggest success stories! I got the court to reduce this client's sentence! Instead of doing time in prison, he'll only do 500 hours of community service at a Daycare Center!

Really? What did the jury find this guy gulity of?

Child molestation!

I understand that you always make yourself available to the media!

Sure! I need those guys! They keep the public focused on the gossipy, juicy tidbits of the case! Otherwise, taxpayers might start thinking about how much of their money is being wasted on long, drawn-out trials and demand faster, less expensive proceedings! Where would that leave me and my lavish lifestyle?

C'mon I'm going to negotiate with the cops about having my client give himself up!

He was found standing over his dead mother and father with a smoking gun in his hand!

Definitely! After all, it was probably the first time he ever did anything like that!

What is he accused of?

Do you think you can get him off?

Mr Putana, what qualities do you look for when selecting members of the jury?

I seek out the people who can understand the gravity of the client's crime and who have a strong sense of right and wrong! Then I have them disqualified and try to find semi-literate morons whose bosses can give them six months off from their jobs because they won't be missed! Hey, Sphincter, you wanna be on a jury?

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I ask you, Is my client a killer? That all depends on what you call "killing"! Isn't society the REAL killer? Isn't society the one that denied this young man his God given right as an American to life, liberty and cable TV? How do you think he felt seeing white people in Nike sneakers while he wore only knockoffs from Payless? Society has destroyed his soul and now the State wants you to finish the job by destroying his body! If you find him guilty, you become part of the problem! You become killers yourselves!

Notice how I made the perpetrator into the victim? That works especially well with minority juries! It's their chance to even the score for all the crappy things society has done to them!

Isn't that "Play-ing the Race Card"?

Hey, I'd play a baseball card if it'd help me win! Let's get out of here. I've got other cases to work on!

But aren't you interested in what happens to your client?

Sure! I told him to call me if anyone contacts him with a book or TV movie deal!

This guy was picked up for burglary when he was 15 and charged as a minor! This is a hearing to set the trial date! I'll ask for a postponement!

Will the judge grant it?

He has for the past three years! In fact, by the time my client goes to trial, he'll be too old to be classified as a juvenile to be sent to a Youth Detention Facility! There'll be no place to send him except back home!

Shakespeare and Dickens wrote about "the law's delay"!

Yeah! Ain't it a real thing of beauty?

How do you answer the accusation that defense lawyers like you put killers back on the city streets?

I feel that every person has a constitutional right to a vigorous defense! Besides, I live in a secure, gated community in the suburbs, so what the hell do I care?

One of my favorite tactics is to use the system to get my guilty client off!

But if he's guilty, how does the justice system work for him?

Not the justice system — the PRISON system! Once I describe the dangerous conditions and the prevalence of inmate rapes in our penitentiaries, most juries are unwilling to send anyone there!

This is called "Plea Bargaining"! In this process, each side gives a little to get a little! For instance, instead of my client being tried for first degree murder and perhaps getting life in prison, we bargain and the District Attorney asks for a five-year sentence, of which my guy will only have to serve two years!

What does the District Attorney get in return?

His usual Wednesdays and Fridays off to campaign for a higher office — which he wouldn't get if we had gone to trial!

Did you ever have a client who you grew to hate?

Only one — a doctor in a malpractice suit! He went behind my back and paid the plaintiff a million dollars to settle the case!

Why did he do that?

It was cheaper than paying my fee!

How do you feel about letting TV cameras into the courtroom? Don't you think it trivializes the proceedings and makes a show out of something that's very important?

No, I think TV in the courtroom serves two purposes simultaneously! One, it gives the public the information it is entitled to and two, it's a great place for defense attorneys like me or Johnnie Cochran to audition for our own talk shows! What, you think you're the only no-talent with no broadcasting experience who gets his own TV show, O'Brien? Today, it's *Cochran & Company* — tomorrow it'll be *Putana & Company!*

Was there **ever a case** where you **felt bad** that you **won?**

Actually, **yes!** He was **accused** of **child abuse** and I **got him off** scot-free!

And **why** do you **regret it?** Because he's a **menace** to **society?**

No! Because if he had been **convicted,** I had a **deal worked out!** As part of my **fee** I would have gotten his **Knicks tickets!**

This guy's the country's **most powerful drug lord!** You're **representing him, too?**

Yeah, but **just between us,** a lawyer **half as smart** as me could get **him off!** Big-time **drug lords NEVER** get **convicted!** Only the **little guys serve time!**

Isn't that a **terrible message** to send to our **nation's youth?**

Not at all! It **tells them** that if you do **something,** be **good at it!**

One of the most **potent weapons** defense attorneys have is **DNA evidence!**

Why? Because it **never fails** to **prove innocence?**

No, because it **never fails** to **cause confusion!** Once we call in our **scientific experts** to **"explain"** how **DNA testing works,** the jury is so **perplexed** or **bored,** the **evidence** is **meaningless!** Thank God the **average juror** has the **attention span** of a **three-year-old!**

DNA

Was there **ever a case** that no matter **how hard** you **tried,** how **clever** you were, you **just couldn't win?**

It **hurts me** to **admit this,** but last year I **lost my first case!** I just had **no idea** how to **defend him!** In **all my years** as a defense attorney, I **never came across** anyone **like that before!**

What was **the problem?**

He was **innocent, so I didn't have a strategy** to **get him off!** He got **12 years!**

As parting words of **wisdom,** share with us your **vision** of the **future!**

I'm not optimistic! Just look at the **latest crime statistics!**

But they **show** that the **crime rate** is **dropping!**

I know — that's the **problem!** In a couple of years, I'm **going** to be **out of business! Case closed!**

ON CHILDREN AND LABOR:

SO WHAT

IF IT'S

110 DEGREES,

YOU'D BETTER

KEEP SEWING.

Sure, it's unbearably hot and you've almost collapsed from heat exhaustion. But you've got 850 pairs of Air Jordans® to sew together before noon. Fortunately, Nike's Dry-F.I.T.® apparel wicks away sweat to keep you dry and comfortable in our sweltering, dangerously overcrowded factories. Too bad at a salary of 32¢ a week you'll never be able to purchase a Nike® product in your life.

A MAD AD PARODY

APPAREL

TAKING THE WIND OUT OF THEIR SALES DEPT.

They came along in the fifties and sixties and changed the face of consumerism. Shopping malls brought the retail world to a central location in the suburbs and left the inner city a bleak landscape. Today, thanks to overexpansion, catalog shopping, QVC and the Internet, many of the once-bustling malls are becoming vast expanses of empty stores! Is your favorite mall hitting the skids? You'll have a better idea after perusing...

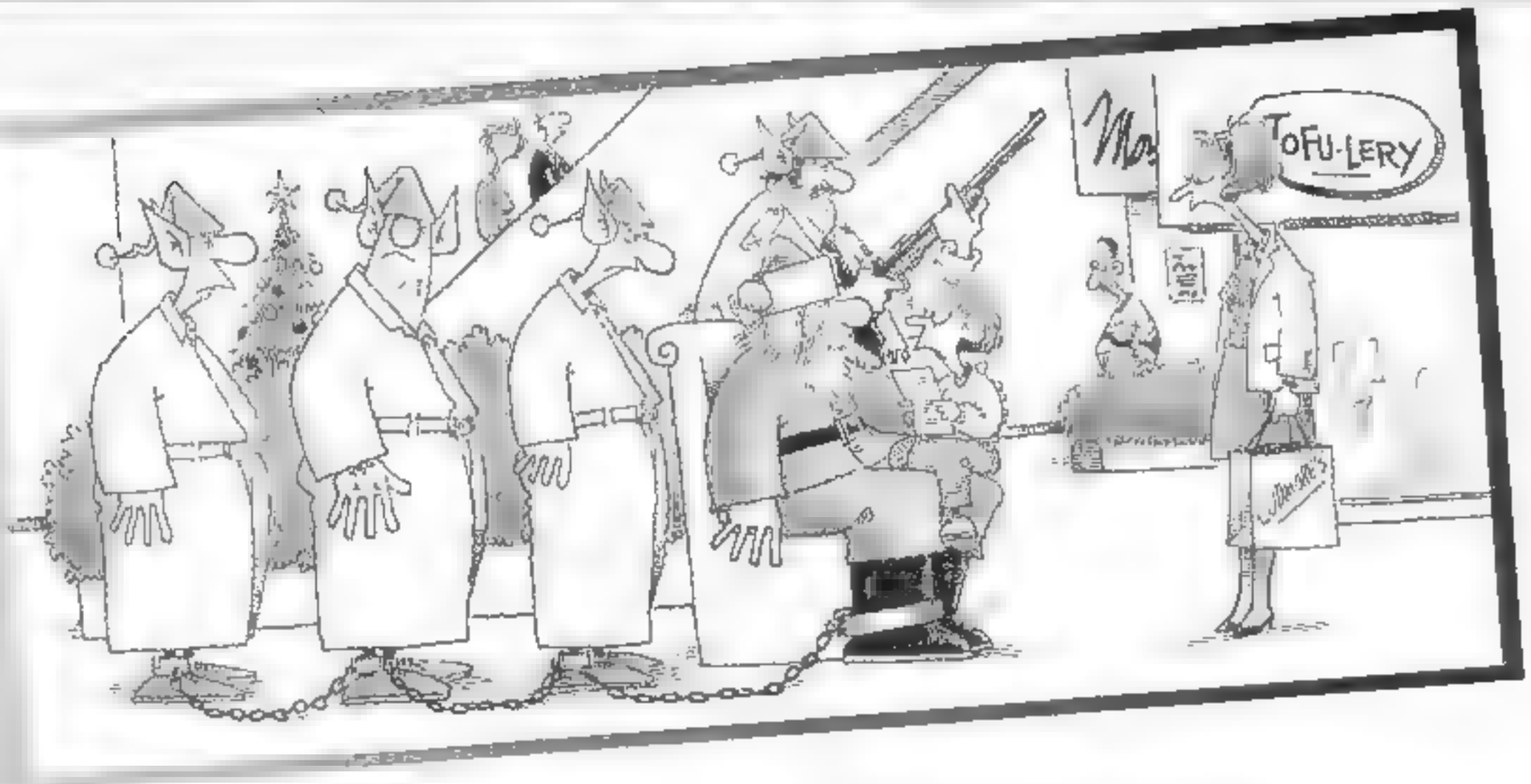
THE DEAD-ON SYMPTOMS OF A DYING SHOPPING MALL

The arcade area is down to a Pong game and some fat guy who'll play checkers with you for a buck.

The mall has switched to an all-volunteer security force.

Instead of having to memorize the lot and section where you parked your car, you need only recall, "Oh, yeah! Mine's the green one!"

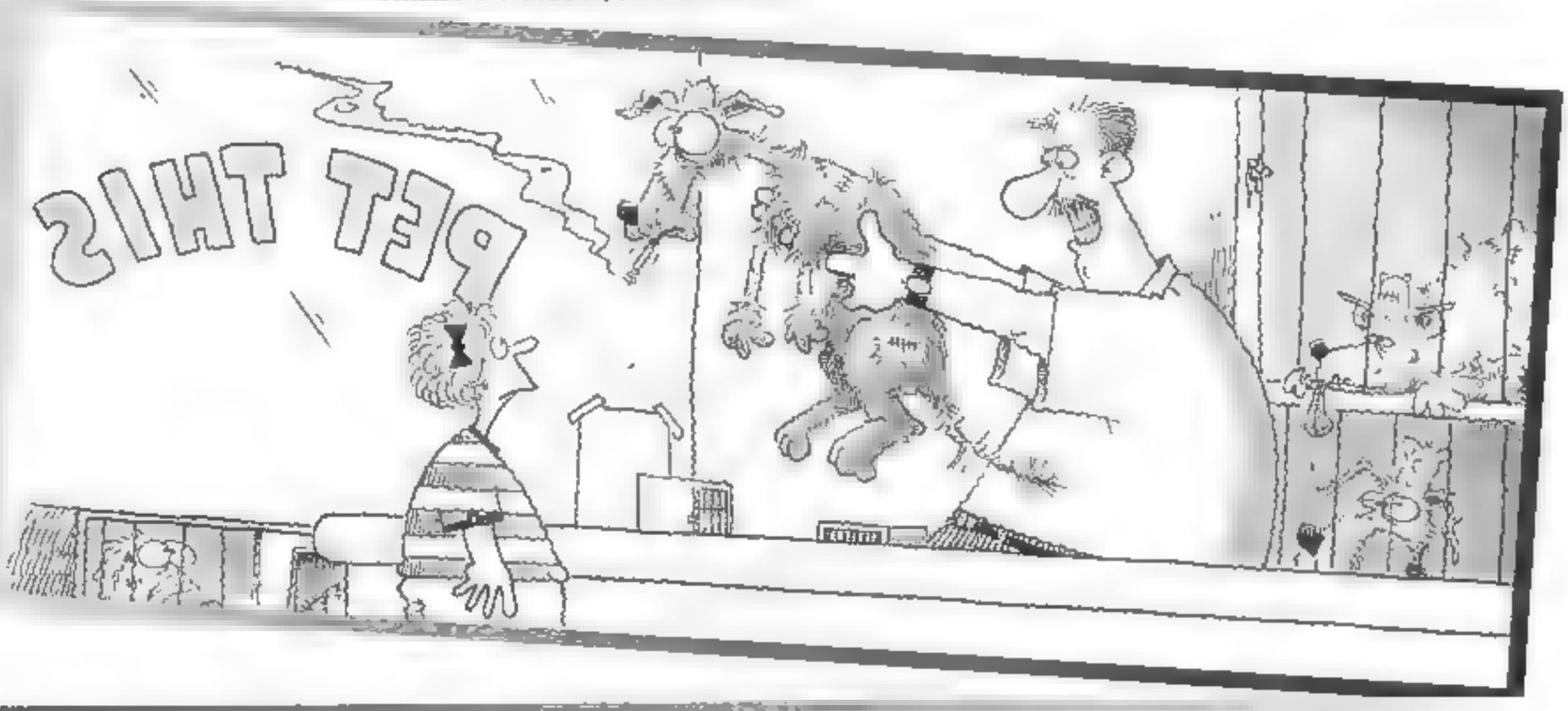
Upon closer observation, you realize that the mall Santa and his helpers are actually members of a prison chain gang.



The annual mall-wide auto show consists entirely of some guy trying to peddle an '85 Ford Tempo.

ARTIST & WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL

The pet shop sells nothing but scarred and shaven lab animals.



Suddenly, and without fanfare, the mall's anchor store has become a Salvation Army Thrift Shop.

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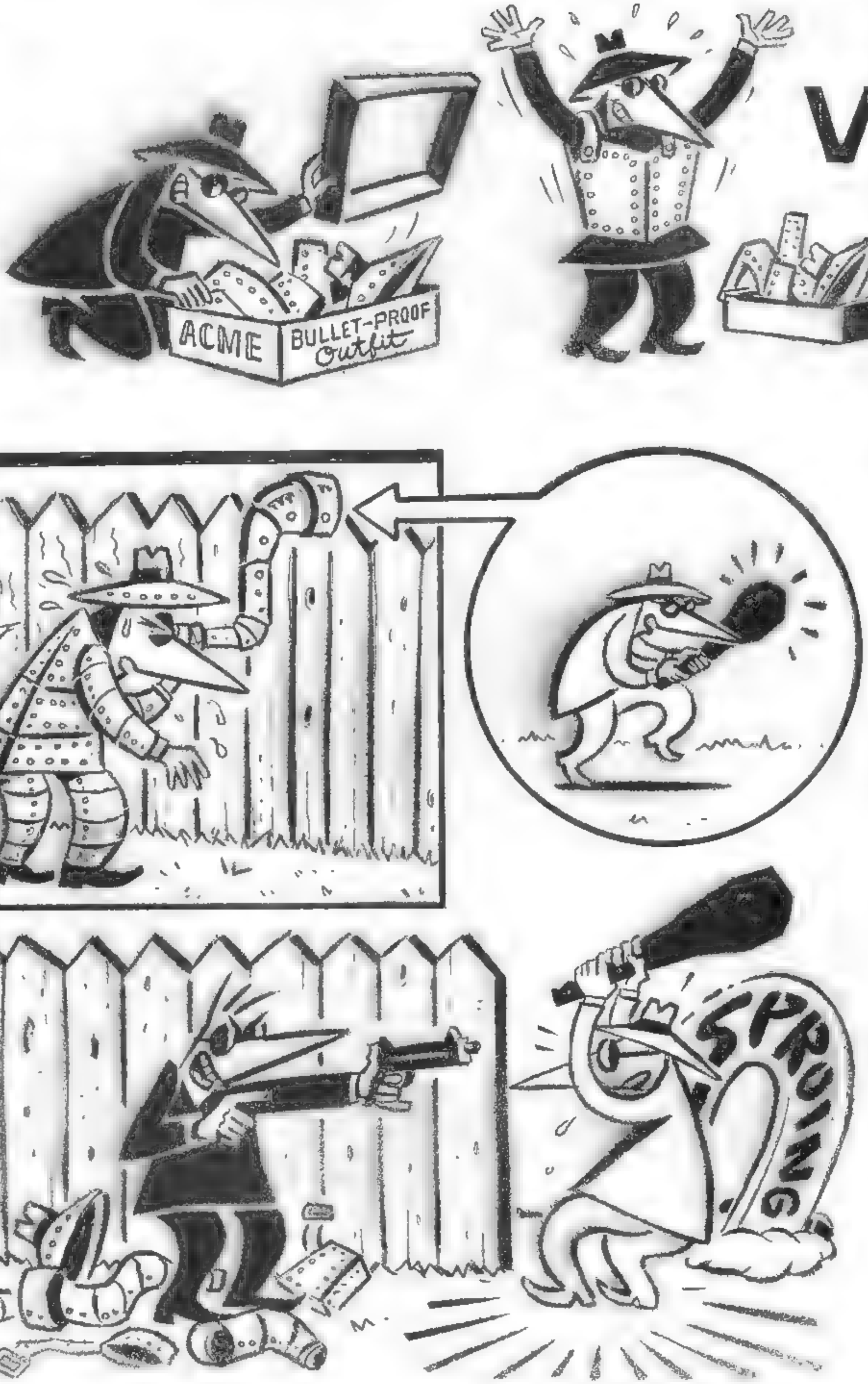

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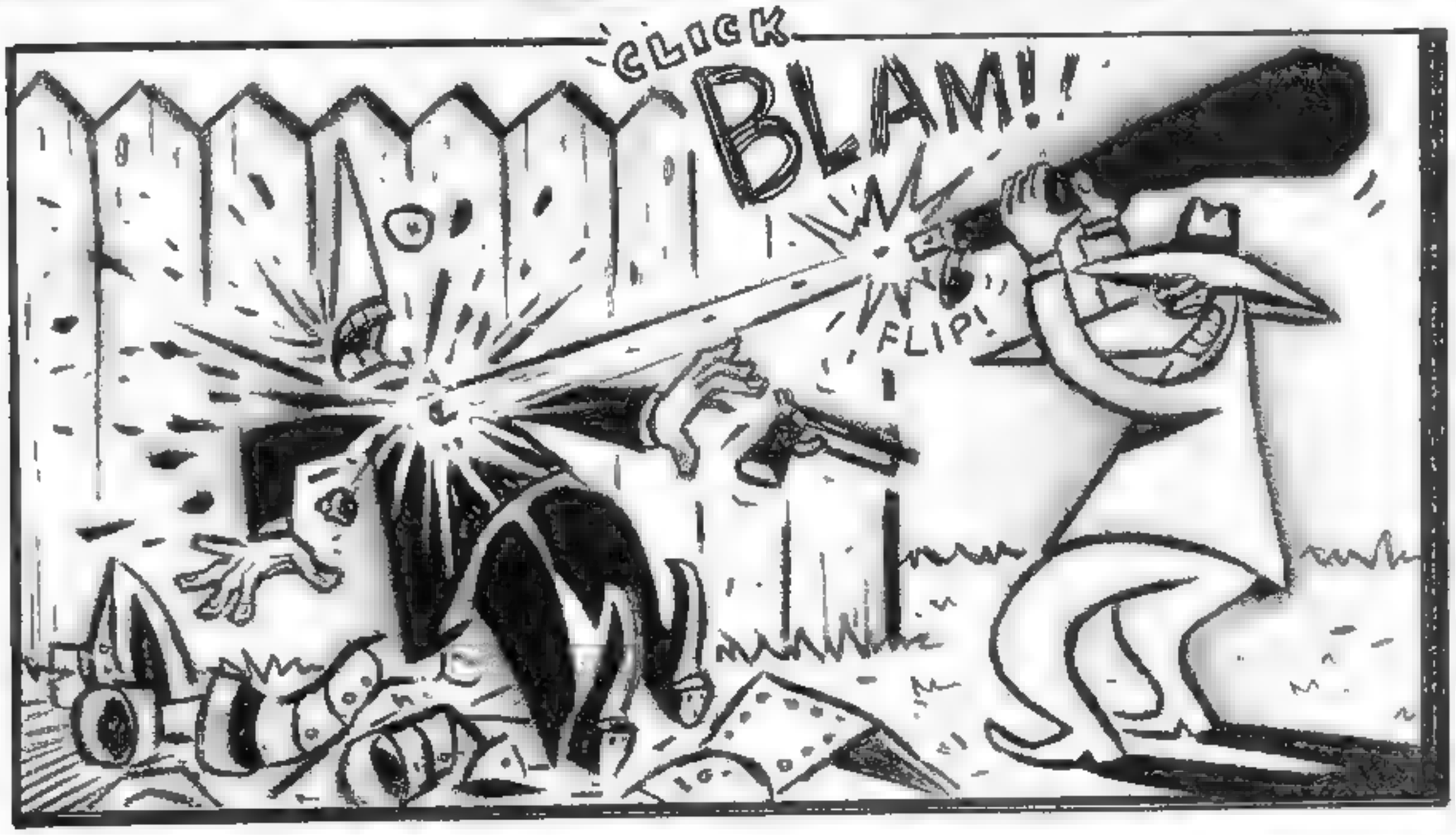

KUPER

SETI AS SHE GOES DEPT.

When we recently saw the trailer for a certain Jodie Foster/Matthew McConaughey film we were psyched: it looked to be the best outer space flick in a long time! But alas there were no gory aliens, no cool light saber battles, no thrilling jumps to hyperspace, no high-speed intergalactic chases and no teeth-rattling laser blasts! It was just a bunch of preachy, pseudo-intellectual, faux-religious Carl Sagan redux tripe! They could have made a bad-assed action flick, but instead they took the...

I'm Dr. **Ellie Outaways**, astronomer! I've always been **fascinated** by the **outer galaxies!** When I was a **kid**, I spent **endless hours calling** into **outer space**, trying to make **contact!** But the **only contact** I ever made was with my **angry neighbors**, who told me to **stop using** a **megaphone** and **start using** a **radio transmitter!** I had a very **supportive father!** He bought me my **first telescope!** I used it to **scan** the **stars** in the **heavens!** He used it to **scan** the **motels** on the **hill!** **He said** we were **both looking** for **heavenly bodies!**

I'm **Palmer Loss**, ad**visor** to the **President** on **religion!** I tell him **how far** he can **stretch** the **truth** without it being a real **bad sin!** **I'm a busy man!** I be**lieve God made man**, and **my mission** is to **make women** — like Ellie! And I **believe** I can **do it! Real belief** can **make miracles!**

I'm **David Humdrum**, the President's **science advisor!** I keep the President **up-to-date** on the **latest scientific mat**ters! Right now I'm supposed to **prepare a report** on **future space ventures** between the **United States** and **Russia**, but you can bet **nothing's** going to happen in **that area** until the **Cold War finally ends** and the **Berlin Wall comes down** — but that could take **forever!**

Greetings! I'm **Rachel Constant-Pain!** It's my job to **protect** the **President** by keeping the **press** at a **distance!** I've always been able to **do that** with a **smile** and a **few kind words!** Of course, this **administration** is **so corrupt** I have to keep the **press** at a **distance** with an **Uzi** and a **few hand grenades!**

PENTHOUSE

Bible

Holy Bible

PRESIDENT OF THE

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I'm **Michael Kidz, National Security Advisor!** I may **act** like an **old fart,** but **in truth,** I'm a **MIDDLE-AGED fart!** You may notice my **acting style** has gotten a little **over the top** lately! A little **cartoonish** even! It fit **perfectly** in my **last role** as **Hades' voice** in **Disney's *Hercules!*** In this movie I'm **not sure what** the hell **acting style** I'm **using!**

I'm **Dr. Bent Bark!** I may not **be able to see,** but I can use my **highly sensitive ears** to **listen** for **subtle sounds** from **outer space!** Quite frankly, as far as **this movie** is **concerned, not being able to see** is an **asset! I only have** to **LISTEN** to this **endless pretentious dialogue!**

I'm **R.S. HasBeen, multimillionaire!** Believe it or not, I **actually live** on an **airplane!** I guess you could **call me** the **ultimate frequent flyer mileage junkie!** I earn **mileage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year!** The **downside?** When you have an **entire 747** to **yourself,** being **upgraded** to **first class** doesn't **mean much!**

I'm **President Clinton!** With today's **special effects,** producers can **put me** in **movies** that I didn't **really act** in! And they can **put words** in **my mouth** too! Although that's **no big deal — just about anyone** with **enough money** to donate to my **campaign** has been **able** to **do that** since I **first ran for office!**

SABRETT HOT DOG TECHNOLOGY CART

CNN

MAX KORN JUNIOR ERECTOR SET

ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

We sure hit it off fast! We met once and ended up in bed! It's strange, because I don't really believe in religion!

And I don't believe in aliens! But now, thanks to you, I DO believe in the Big Bang Theory! Cigarette?

I'm sorry your father passed away! I can't tell you the reason why people die! Just accept it as God's way to test our faith!

I don't believe in God!

Then just accept it as the screenwriter's way to move the audience to cheap tears!

That I can believe!

Here lies MORRISON OUTAWAYS Atheist

"All Dressed Up and No Place to Go"

I blame myself for my dad's death!

Don't! You're just a child and you tried to get him his medication!

True, but for some reason, I ran all the way to the bathroom and back in slow motion! I think that did him in!

Maybe, but slow motion looks so good in flashbacks! You lost a father, but you gained a nice visual effect!

Still on the lookout for little green men from outer space?

Green men! Give me a break! They would be much more advanced! They might be blue, orange or maybe even plaid!

Well, we'll never know, because this project is done! We're wasting millions of dollars out here! The government can waste that money in other ridiculous areas!

Since the government abandoned my alien search project, I'm looking for private funding!

We're sorry, but this "looking for life in outer space" thing is too scatter-brained for us to back!

They said the airplane was a scatter-brained idea, too! But where would we be today without the airplane?

At Penn Station waiting for a train! And I'd know the location of my luggage! And it would be in one piece!

Dr. Outaways' project doesn't sound scatter-brained to me one bit! Now give her the money, then bring me my lucky crystals and some pixie dust!

I'm finally hearing signals from outer space! Turn those knobs! Fiddle with those switches! Tune in that big thing!

What happened to all your scientific jargon?

We've gone so many years without hearing anything from outer space, I've forgotten most of the technical terms!

Leave her alone! I don't care what she sounds like, as long as she doesn't start talking like Nell again!

As the President's Security Advisor, I must know what's going on here!

I think we're picking up Vega!

Really? I don't hear Wayne Newton...

Not Vegas — Vega! There's a big difference! Vega may have intelligent life — and no Elvis impersonators!

BAH-BOOMP-BAH-BOOMP-BAH-BOOMP

They're sending us numbers...

Give me a secured phone line!

Wait! Don't call the President yet!

Screw the President — they might be sending us winning lottery numbers! Did they mention a state? I need a state! Ask them!

1,2 BUCKLE MY SHOE... 3,4...

BOX OFFICE RECEIPTS

LOTTO

I can't figure out the sequence of these numbers! If you add the top numbers, they don't come to this bottom number! Something's missing!

I know! Try adding in the tax and tip!

That could be it! They might be sending us their expense accounts!

16.59
1.25
37.50
12.95
85.50

We made contact with aliens at last!

Great! I can't wait to tell the President about my discovery!

It was MY discovery! You always take credit for everything I've done!

Not true! When your department went $8 million over budget, I gave you full credit when I spoke to the President!

We finally decoded the messages! We thought we'd have to use a supercomputer until we realized we had the pages upside down!

These pages contain instructions for a machine!

And how do you figure that?

These little notations! Tab A, to flap B, to tab C — and this folds into...

A Fold-in! Let's get Al Jaffee in here to help!

Al Jaffee

This selection committee of theologians, educators, and hangers-on is here to select one of the ten international contenders to ride the alien spaceship! Dr. Outaways, do you believe in God?

I prayed you wouldn't ask that question, and you did — so I guess I don't!

SAINT CARL

REV. LOSS

CHIANTI

Because of you and your God thing, I lost my chance to go into outer space! They're sending Humdrum instead!

It was a close call! You really beat Humdrum out in the swim-suit competition! If you hadn't dropped the flaming baton in the talent portion, my guess is you would have been chosen!

I'm no scientist, but isn't that space vehicle supposed to fly up, instead of fly apart?

Gary Busey's son blew it up — talk about a chip off the old block!

Humdrum was in the middle of the explosion! It's a national disaster!

Damn! He always gets credit for everything!

KABLAM!

(SIP)

I have good news for you, Doctor! We built a second space travel machine! Fortunately, we put an extra $3 trillion in the original budget under "miscellaneous"! No one ever checks budgets that are paid for with taxpayer dollars! Wanna take a ride, Ellie?

I want to ride in that vehicle more than anything in the world — except maybe the *Back to the Future* ride at Universal Studios! But the line for that is so long!

Helping with this project will be the last thing I do on this earth! I'm dying, you know!

Cancer?

No, all this airline food! It's my entire diet! My doctors are amazed I lasted THIS long!

It takes years for an astronaut to learn how to blast off into space! What kind of astronaut training did Dr Outaways have?

It wasn't exactly astronaut training, but NASA made her spend an entire weekend at a Six Flags Park! She survived, so they're sending her up!

Remember, Doctor, you have the capsule for 10 days, or we'll have to pay an extra daily rental rate of $80,000 plus $21,000 a mile! And be sure to return it to THIS launching pad, or they'll hit us with a $300,000 drop-off charge! One other thing — pilot carefully because we didn't take the collision waiver!

BACK TO THE FUTURE

CLANK CLANK!

There's fierce v-v-vibrations! I'm going through a w-w-wormhole! V-v-vibrations getting worse! I'm going t-t-through an anxiety attack! Even w-w-worse v-v-vibrations n-n-now! I'm g-g-going t-t-through the w-w-wind-s-s-shield!

Wow! I'm in a tranquil, peaceful, restful place! The water is crystal clear and the sands are pure white! I haven't seen such an idyllic place since I painted it as a kid!

Hello, Doctor!

Are you my father?

I look like your father, but I'm actually a real estate agent! Would you like to buy some property here?

ENVY

PROSPECTUS

Is — is this place heaven?

For $8,000 down and $1,750 a month, it can be! This is Virtual Reality Acres! Everything's an illusion but your mortgage payments!

What's happening? Everything was so clear and now it's getting cloudy!

Quick, sign this contract before it's too late, and I lose my commission! A lot of people come to look, but very few actually buy!

INTERGALACTIC CONTRACT

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That was some experience! I was actually in outer space!

Outer space, nothing! You didn't go anywhere, Doctor! We had a VCR running inside the capsule, and all it shows is *48 Hours with Dan Rather!*

What?!? No *Friends?* No *Seinfeld?* No Must See TV? Damn! I have a doctorate in science, but I STILL can't figure out how to program the @!*& VCR!

U.S.S. COSMOS

This is weird! We lost track of Outaways in the pod for only 30 seconds, but the VCR recorded 18 hours of TV! She did go into some sort of time warp! Somehow she turned 30 seconds into 18 hours! This is the most astounding time shift ever known to man!

Actually, it's the second most astounding! The first most astounding belongs to the producers of this film! They made two and a half hours seem like an eternity!

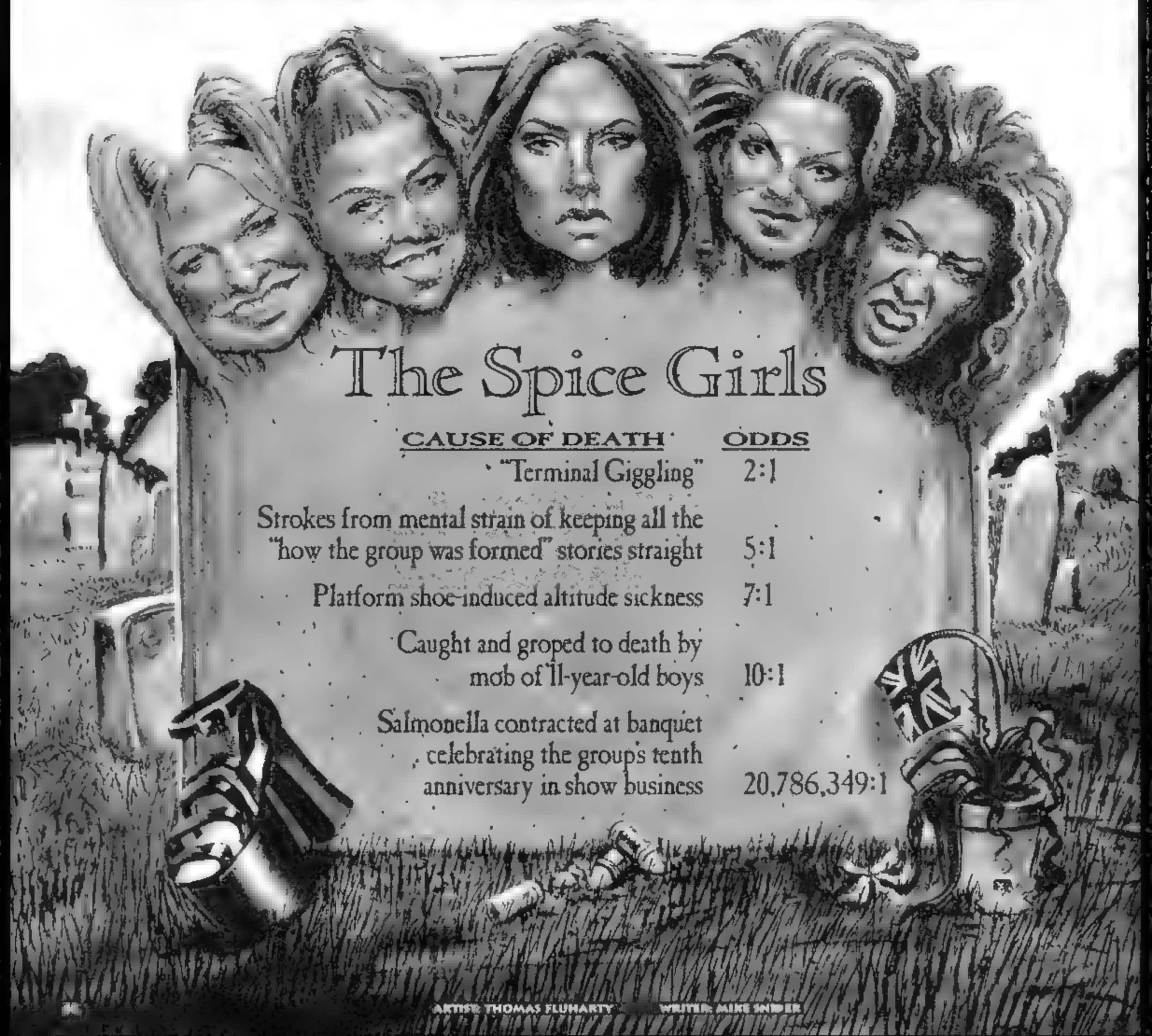
WHITE HOUSE TOP SECRET

GRIEVING LAS VEGAS DEPT.

MAD'S CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

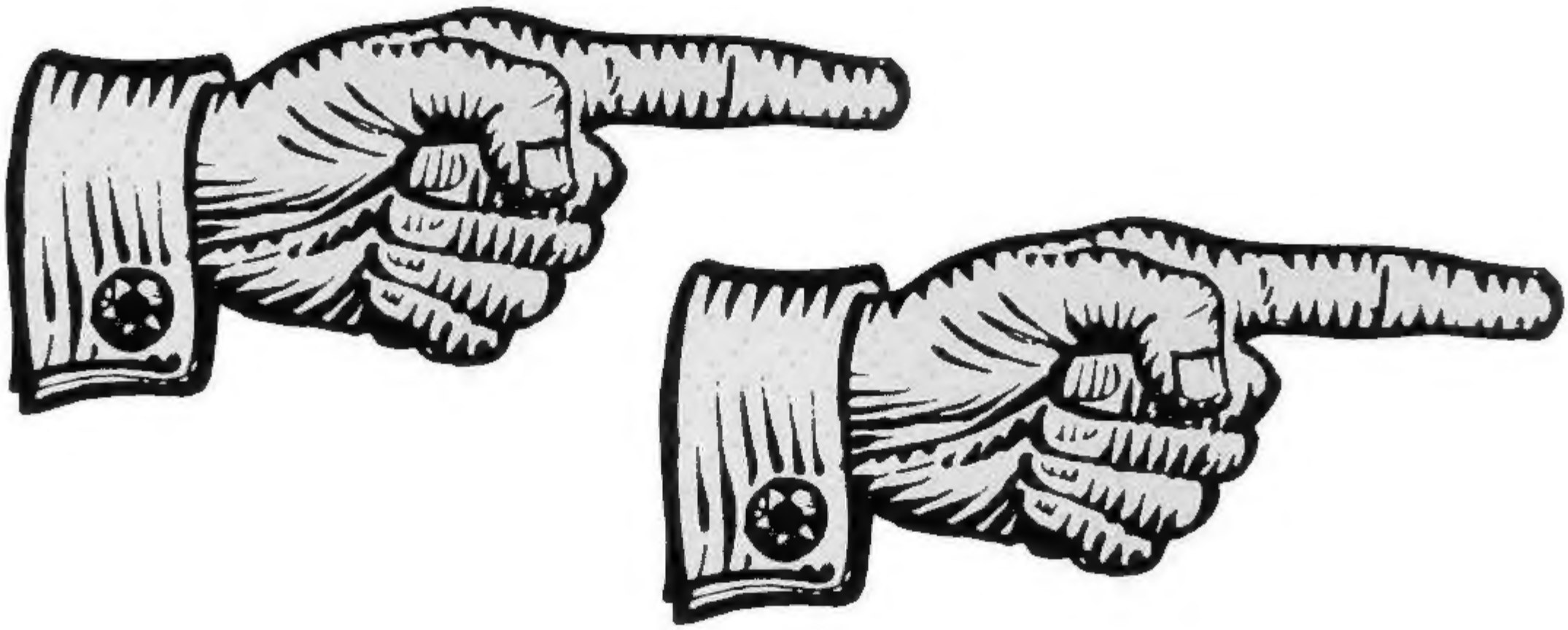
Our team of crack oddsmakers gives you the latest Vegas line on how five of today's biggest stars are going to cash in their chips!

THIS MONTH'S UPCOMING COFFIN DWELLERS:



The Spice Girls

CAUSE OF DEATH	ODDS
"Terminal Giggling"	2:1
Strokes from mental strain of keeping all the "how the group was formed" stories straight	5:1
Platform shoe-induced altitude sickness	7:1
Caught and groped to death by mob of 11-year-old boys	10:1
Salmonella contracted at banquet celebrating the group's tenth anniversary in show business	20,786,349:1



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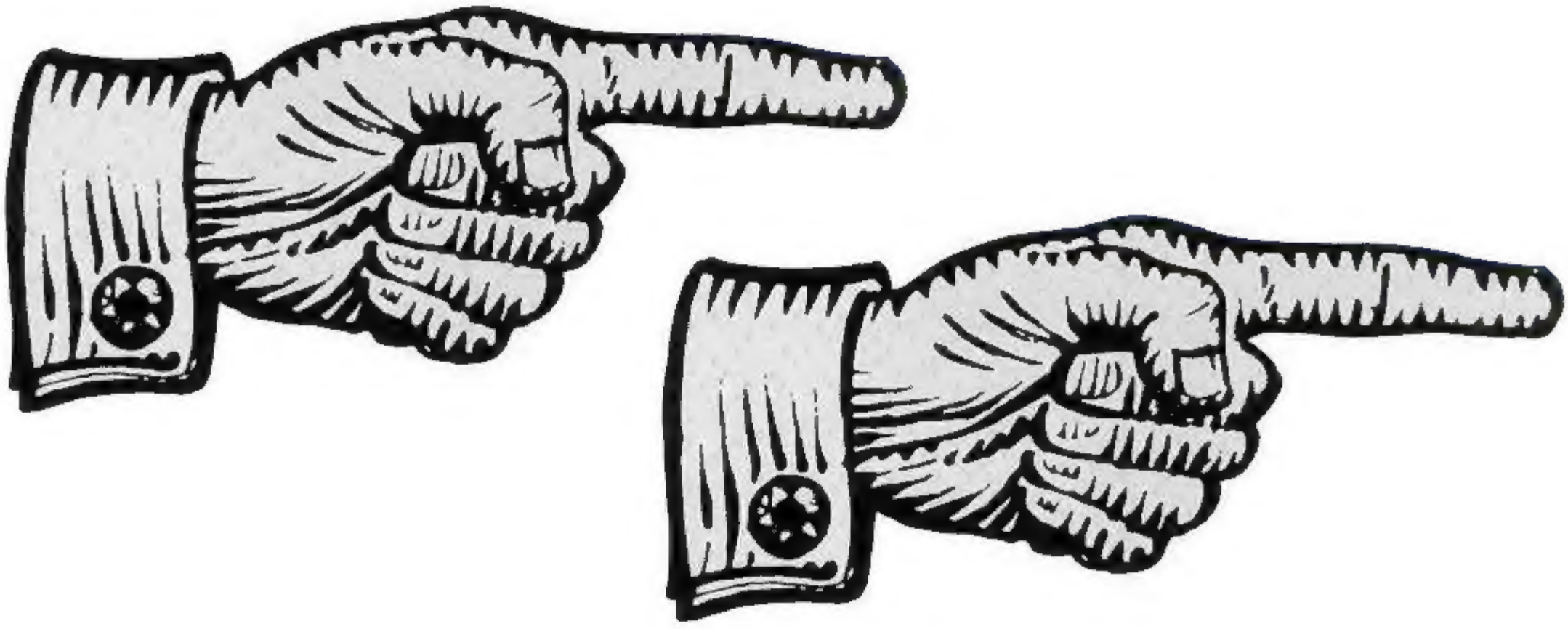

WHAT SCIENTIFIC MEDDLING HAS MANY FOLKS TREMBLING?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

People have always been frightened by scientific advances. Some fear that a deadly manmade virus could be created and released. Others worry about a nuclear chain reaction that could destroy the planet. There is one scientific discovery, however, that has EVERYONE quaking with fear. To find out what this diabolical experiment is, fold page in as shown.

FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

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CLEARLY, MANY SCIENTISTS ARE NOW BUSILY HONING THEIR SKILLS TO PRODUCE THE GROTESQUE HALF-BAKED HORRORS THAT LEAVE MANY OF US SCARED

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ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

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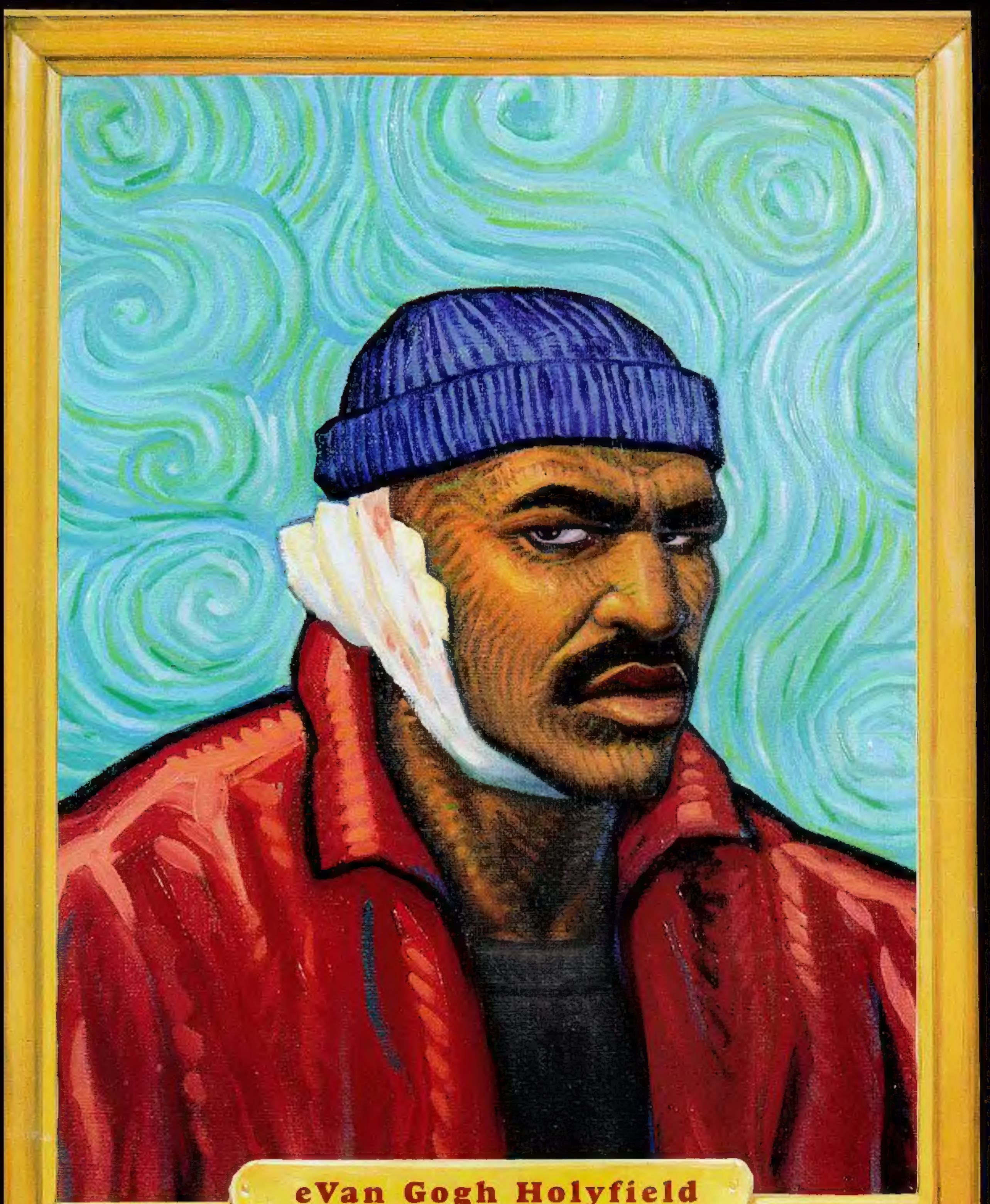

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Self-Portrait